

NEWS

Millages planned for senior services

The Crawford County Commission on Aging plans to put two ballot proposals before voters in August so it can continue providing services to senior citizens.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging Board last week approved a millage renewal proposal for .4685 of a mill to fund operations, programs and services. Currently, the millage generates \$268,796. The board also agreed to ask voters to approve an additional .2500 of a mill to fund operations, programs and services. Based on current funding levels, that millage would generate \$125,000. The millage proposals are for five years. **Pg. 7**

SPORTS

Pitching should be baseball team's strong suit this year



Grayling High School's varsity baseball team has a new coach this season - Bret Krabill, a Grayling Middle School teacher who coached last year's junior varsity baseball team for GHS - and a solid foundation of returning players from last season's 22-14-1 team.

"Things are going well this year. The guys are buying into some of the new wrinkles we are throwing into the program and so far our practices have been going smoothly," Coach Krabill said.

The team started its official practice sessions/tryouts on Monday, March 14. So far, the squad hasn't been able to practice on its game field due to snow and poor weather conditions. **Pg. 12**

New coach expects pitching, defense to be team's strengths



It's a young team - the Grayling High School varsity softball squad has four seniors, six juniors, two sophomores, and two freshmen - but the group's new coach, Sarah Allen, who led the school's junior varsity softball team last season, says the squad has "a lot of talent."

"It is going great so far," Coach Allen said. "The girls seem to respect what I am trying to do with the program and we are looking forward to getting on the field." **Pg. 14**

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Staff vs. seniors game raises \$1,800 for Project Graduation

Brent Steffey, left, drives to the basket for the "seniors" team during last Friday's Seniors vs. Staff Basketball Game at Grayling High School. Jessica Szymoniak, right, sets up for a three-point shot for the "staff" squad on Friday. The contest, along with a pre-game spaghetti dinner, raised approximately \$1,800 for Project Graduation (\$551 from the dinner, \$1,251 from the game), event organizers said. The dinner raised money through donations and the game raised money through admission, referee bribes, a penalty box, 50/50 drawing, and points purchased for the teams by fans. The seniors won the contest 146-144. Project Graduation aims to provide a safe, supervised event for seniors on graduation night.



Jim Hulbert, left, takes an inside shot for the staff team on Friday night. Teresa Schreiber, right, shoots a jumper for the seniors.

Grayling soldier hurt by rocket propelled grenade

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Just weeks shy from returning to the United States, a soldier from Grayling was wounded by shrapnel from a rocket-propelled grenade last week while in one of the most violent areas in Afghanistan.

Spc. Matthew McCullough, a member of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne 1327th Battalion Echo Company based out of Fort Campbell, Ky., sustained shrapnel wounds to his left arm and leg on Wednesday, March 23.

McCullough was driving a truck as part of his daily missions, delivering supplies to infantry soldiers located in an outpost.

Three other soldiers were in the vehicle when it was hit by the rocket-propelled grenade. A female soldier, who was riding behind McCullough, sustained a concussion and the other soldiers were unharmed.

The soldiers are based in the Pech River Valley in Afghanistan's Kunar Province. It is one of most violent and dangerous places in the war-torn country because insurgent troops are able to travel through the mountains and river valley from nearby Pakistan and they attack U.S. forces.

McCullough is the husband of Jenna (Frankowski) McCullough. She was notified by a battle buddy - a fellow soldier from McCullough's unit - once he awoke after the attack in the hospital. She then spoke to Matthew. News traveled much slower from Fort Campbell officials, where she is staying.

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Snow gives business shot in the arm as spring nears

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Staff Writer

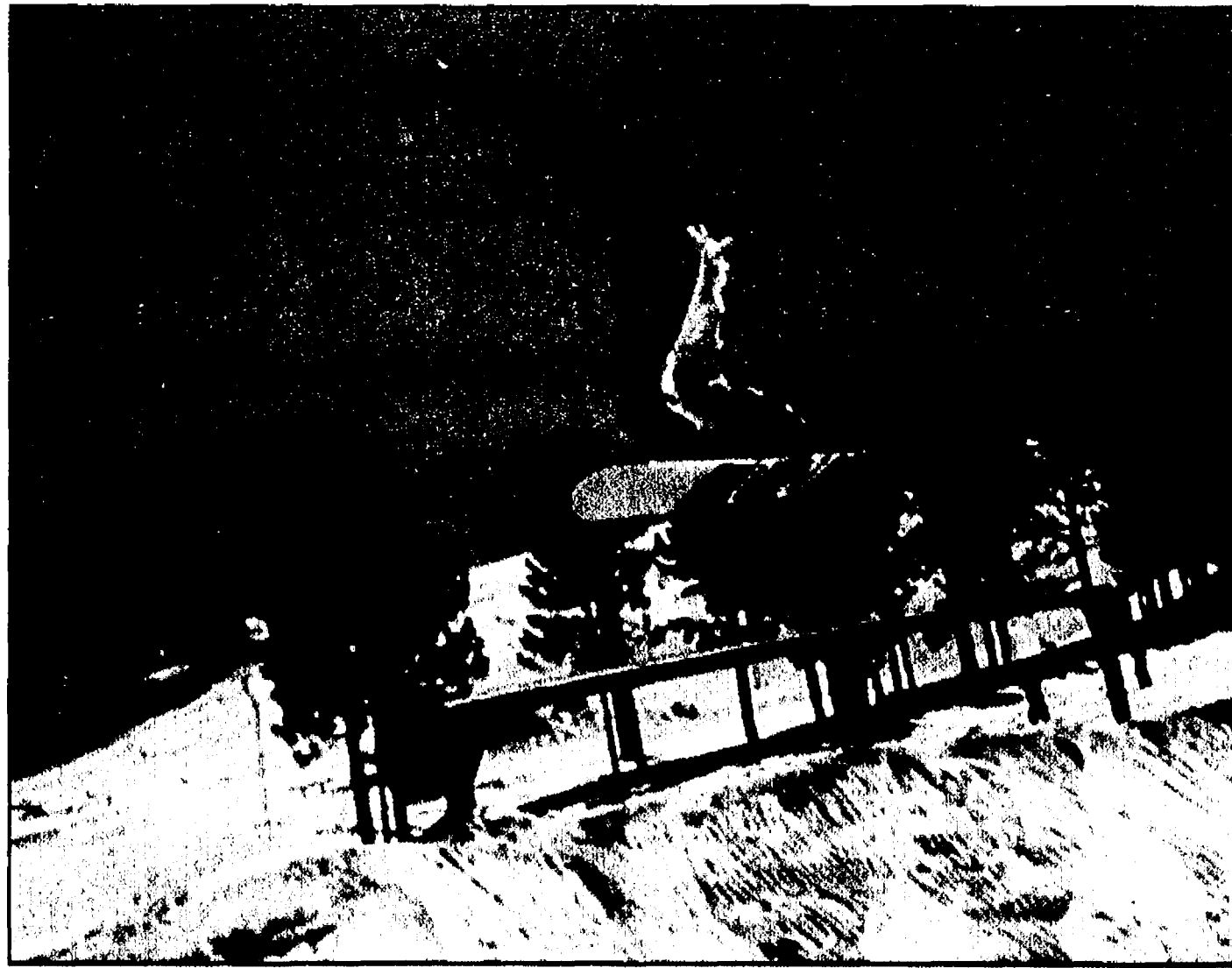
Mother Nature provided perhaps one last winter playground for weekend snowmobilers and skiers, while causing spring fever to spike for those sick of the white stuff and cold temperatures.

A snow storm that began around midnight on Wednesday, March 23 and continued through Tuesday walloped Crawford County.

A weather observer near Higgins Lake reported an accumulation of nine inches of snow to the National Weather Service Office in Otsego County. A weather observer in Lovells Township reported an accumulation of 11.2 inches of snow, while 12.3 inches of snow was recorded at the National Weather Service office located just north of the Crawford County line.

Jeff Halblaub, a metrologist at the National Weather Service Office, said the storm was caused by a low pressure system moving through the Ohio valley. That resulted in several inches of wet snow dropping across the area, followed by a upper level pressure system from Wisconsin, which brought fluffier snow. Peak wind gusts during the storm were recorded at 30 mph at the Grayling Army Airfield.

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Hanson Hills hosted an event called "Get Lifted - Spring Shredfest," where free-style snowboarders and skiers showed-off their gravity defying skills.

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Student selected to attend national leadership program

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Grayling High School junior has been selected to be among a prestigious group of students that have been hosted in the nation's capitol for the last 25 years.

The Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC) is an independent, educational organization with members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives on its honorary, bipartisan advisory board. The CYLC is not affiliated with any political party or the federal government.

The CYLC hosts the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) to distinguish a select group of exceptional high school students for their scholastic merit and demonstrated leadership ability.

Sirria Martin, 16, a junior at Grayling High School, was invited to attend the conference in June.

NYLC provides students with the opportunity to develop their leadership skills by meeting and working with leaders of the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the federal government and witnessing firsthand the United States constitutional process. By attending NYLC, qualifying national scholars may also receive one college credit through George Mason University, which has been recognized for three years in a row by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top-10 universities to watch in the country.

Only the nation's most high-achieving students, who are in their sophomore through senior year for the 2010/2011 academic year, are eligible to attend. Those eligible to nominate a student for the program include teachers and com-



Sirria Martin

munity leaders who have directly witnessed the student's leadership abilities and academic abilities in action.

Extracurricular involvement, community service and academic achievement are considered high among the criteria for offering an invitation to the national leadership conference.

Martin and her mother, Melissa Barkway, have yet to learn who nominated her to attend the conference.

"We still don't know who the teacher is," Barkway said. "It must have been a teacher that thought she had potential."

While the main focus of the conference is on governmental leadership, Martin learned there were also educational sessions on the medical field and crime scene investigation offered.

Over the course of 10 days, Martin will witness doctors who do research and specialize in various medical fields.

Martin is a fixture at the

Grayling Senior Center, where she helps senior citizens any way she can.

"She doesn't want to have any kids. There are so many people out there who are sick and she wants to help those people," Barkway said. "She donates a lot of time at the senior center and she loves those people over there."

Martin also saw her grandparents and mother battle various illnesses and medical challenges.

"I want to help people out because of all the experiences I went through," Martin said.

Ultimately, Martin said she would like to become a lab technician, who would combine both medical research and crime scene investigation as blood and other items are processed.

Martin said it is a dream come true to be able to attend the leadership conference.

"I am really excited to be the only one in Crawford County selected," she said.

Rep. Pettalia accepting intern applications

Northeast Michigan residents in the Lansing area to attend college can gain valuable work experience, earn school credit and serve people of the 106th House District through an unpaid office internship with Rep. Peter Pettalia.

"I encourage students interested in gaining valu-

able hands-on experience in the legislative environment to contact me," said Pettalia, of Presque Isle. "Whether a student's goal is a career in public service or politics, or is looking to build skills useful in other fields, the office internship is an excellent path to future success."

"Students attending Michigan State, Lansing Community College, Cooley Law School, or any school within daily driving distance of the Capitol are perfect candidates and should talk to their advisors about earning class credit."

In addition to assisting the office with legislative research and organizational tasks, interns have the opportunity to facilitate communication between Pettalia and local constituents.

Strong verbal and written communication skills are desired, along with the ability to work efficiently and independently. Basic computer skills are required, including a working knowledge of the Microsoft Office suite of programs.

Knowledge of the Legislature and legislative process is beneficial, but not required.

Internship positions are available throughout the year and hours are negotiable to fit class and other work schedules.

For more information, contact Pettalia by addressing letters to the State Capitol, Lansing, MI 48909-7514; calling his toll-free Lansing office number at 1-877-REP-4106 (1-877-737-4106); by fax, 517-373-8446; by email, peterpettalia@house.mi.gov; or through his website at RepPeterPettalia.com.

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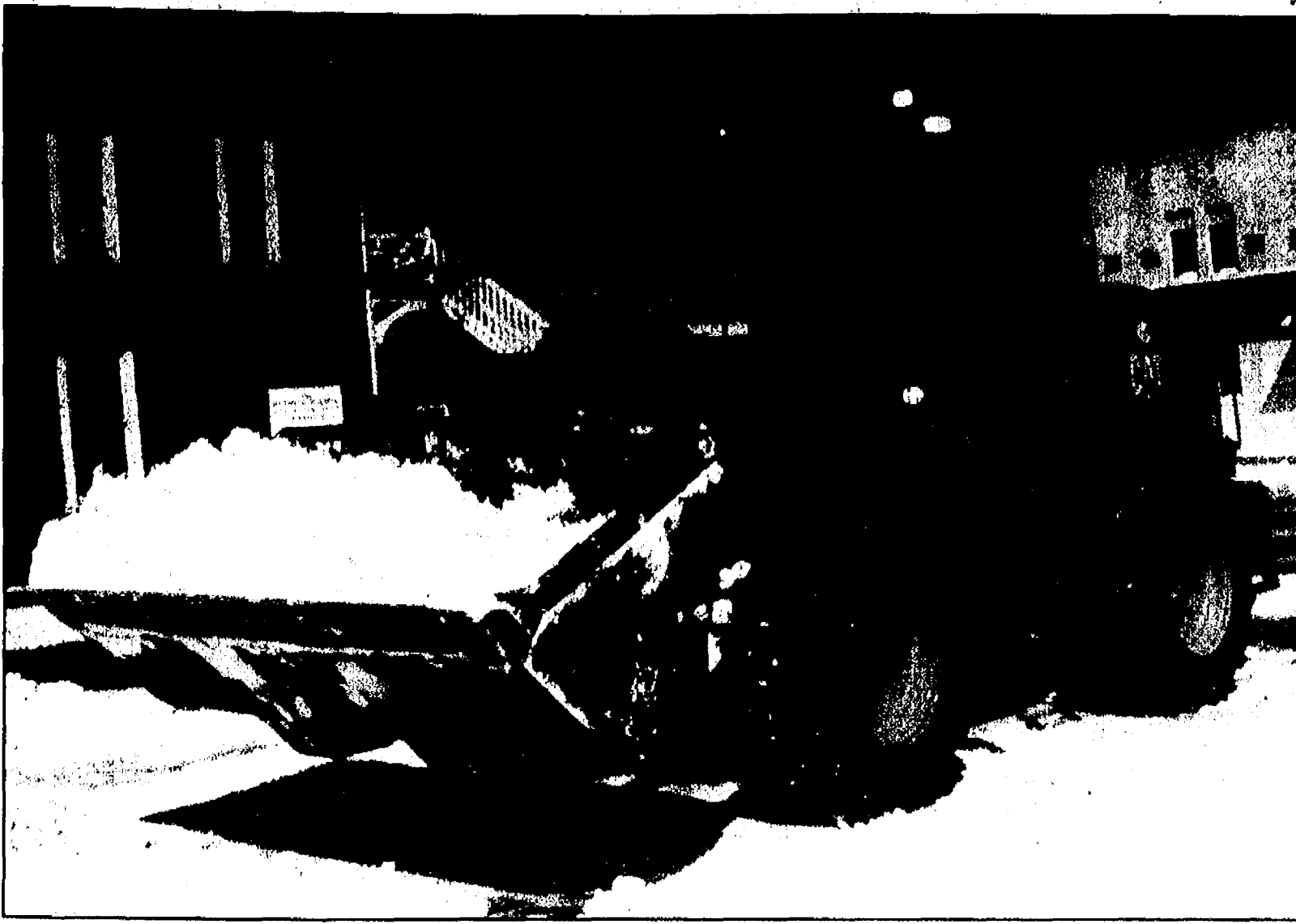


Photo by Dan Sanderson

Grayling's Department of Public Works employees spent several hours Thursday removing a huge mound of snow plowed from Michigan Avenue and the sidewalks.

Snow gives business shot in the arm as spring nears

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"This is a pretty good snow snap for this late in March," Halblaub said.

Following the storm, Halblaub said the area would receive several sunny days and clear nights where temperatures would hover around the freezing mark. The weather is then expected to transition back into normal conditions near the end of the week, Halblaub said.

"We're going to enjoy a nice stretch of decent weather, but it will just be cold," Halblaub said.

Grayling City Manager Doug Baum said the snowstorm caused no problems for the community last week. The city's Department of Public Works employees spent several hours Thursday removing a huge mound of snow plowed from Michigan

Avenue and the sidewalks.

"It's was just another snow storm in northern Michigan," Baum said.

Don Babcock, the manager director for the Crawford County Road Commission, said the storm did not throw plow truck drivers any curve balls.

"We always anticipate a storm near the first part of April," Babcock said. "Mother Nature never gives up that easy. We're still in winter-mode."

Babcock said the road commission is still on budget for snow removal despite the recent hike in fuel prices.

"It's nothing to be alarmed about yet," Babcock said.

While ski resorts in northern Michigan reported a banner weekend, Hanson Hills ceased downhill ski operations three week ago.

Hanson Hills, however, did host an event called "Get Lifted - Spring Shredfest," where free-style snowboarders and skiers showed-off their gravity defying skills.

"The weather was perfect," said Justin Andre, the director at Hanson Hills. "It was a good event and we had a good turn out."

Pete Kocefas, the owner of Sledheads of Frederic, said activity started buzzing on his website once the snow started hitting the ground. That continued as people started planning to head north to hit the trails.

Kocefas said motel owners reported that the last weekend was one of the best for the winter season. Sled riders patronized area restaurants as they cruised the trails.

"Everybody was hyped up about it," Kocefas said.

"It was a big shot in the arm for everybody."

Diane and Jim Burch, Grayling residents and business owners, said the snow was a mixed blessing as they had a late lunch at Spike's Keg O' Nails, where a number of snowmobilers stopped for a burger and a brew before continuing on their late winter cruise.

"I was waiting for spring, but it was nice to see everything look so clean and it gave the snowmobilers and skiers a chance to be here a little bit more," Diane said of the winter landscape. "Everything was so beautiful."

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Grayling soldier hurt by rocket propelled grenade

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"Hearing his voice before they gave me the news was definitely easier to take," Jenna said.

Jenna, a 2006 Grayling High School graduate, met McCullough while attending Northwestern Michigan Community College in Traverse City. They have been a couple for five years and are about to celebrate their second wedding anniversary.

Jenna said she is trying to maintain her strength and composure through the support of family and support groups.

"I'm trying to be just as strong as he is," she said. "He's being really brave and I'm trying to be just as strong for him."

Matthew's orders to serve in Afghanistan end on April 15. He is expected to return to Fort Campbell shortly afterwards.

Jenna said she is more anxious for Matthew's return after the attack to help him deal with the aftermath of his injuries.

"It's a little more nerve racking knowing he's hurt and I can't do anything for him," she said. "I just want to see him so I can see with my own eyes that he's OK."

McCullough's mother, Christy Tait, sister Jennifer McCullough and brother Daniel McCullough, also live in Grayling. They spoke to him on Friday, two days after the terrorists attacked McCullough's military vehicle.

"We were together saying our prayers," Tait said.

"He's hurting, but he's got a positive attitude. He's been over there 11 months and he's ready to be home."

Tait said she hopes Matthew will be back in Grayling in a couple of months to receive a hero's welcome from the community.

"I'm counting the days," Tait said. "I've been counting the days since he got there."

Currently, Matthew is at a military base hospital in Afghanistan. Surgeons are waiting for shrapnel to naturally come to the surface before they remove the

material and repair damage done to his arm and leg.

Ralph Dandy, Matthew's father-in-law, said one of the other soldiers in his unit was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade two days after the initial attack. Dandy is pleased that Matthew is out of harm's way for the time being, but knows he still wants to be among the U.S. forces fighting to bring peace and civility to Afghanistan.

"We are very thankful, but it's kind of a small blessing because he doesn't have to go out there anymore," Dandy said.

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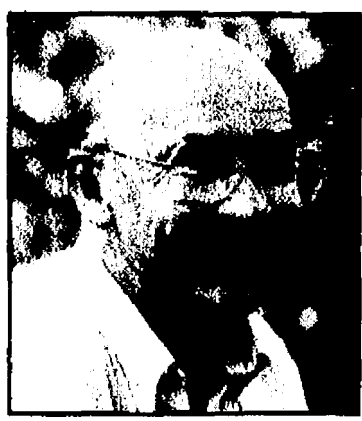
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Issues and Opinions



Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Could Michigan be facing teacher strikes?

MICHIGAN PUBLIC school teachers — at least those who are members of the Michigan Education Association, which is most of them — have been asked to consider steps up to and including the possibility of strikes to protest under funding of local schools and to protect their own pocket-books.

Earlier this month, MEA President Iris Salters sent letters to 1,100 MEA locals asking members to authorize "job action" up to and including strikes to "increase pressure on our legislators."

Strikes by public employees in Michigan, including teachers, are illegal, but there are ways to interfere with the orderly conduct of public business anyway.

Teacher strikes apparently would be a last resort, but members may authorize their union to go that far as a bargaining tool, and striking is a distinct possibility.

"While there may be some inconvenience for your students," the letter says, "you will need to weigh that against the impact of the legislature's action."

MEA bosses also are suggesting that teachers have enough funds on hand to carry them through the possibility of no paychecks for up to two months, which sounds like the teacher union strike threat is genuine.

GOV. RICK SNYDER'S far reaching "re-invent Michigan" budget plans include hefty cuts in state funding for public schools. The governor suggests local districts can make up much of the projected loss by increasing the teacher part of paying for health coverage, which in effect takes money out of teacher take home pay.

Recent polling indicates the public doesn't think too

highly of cutting state funding for schools either. One recent poll (conducted by EPIC/MRA of Lansing for The Detroit Free Press and WXYZ-TV in Detroit) showed that voters by a 62-32 percent margin oppose Gov. Snyder's proposal to reduce state aid to local districts.

To me, starving education is counter-productive. The state puts a high priority on better education, and then repeatedly short-changes dollar support for schools and colleges, which are the means by which a better educated populace is attained.

As a state, we seem to be living a lie by decreasing support of the means of educating young people and giving them a chance to improve their lives and contribute fully to development of the Michigan economy of the future.

If voter support for local schools continues as the poll

cited above indicates, legislators more than likely will come up with more dollars for education than the Snyder budget proposes.

But if the MEA calls an illegal strike, much of that public support could disappear, if the students are ejected from the classroom and they and their parents search for ways to cope.

In a true collective bargaining system, the employer — local school boards, acting for taxpayers, who are the ultimate employer of every public employee — could choose to go out of business as a last resort in a labor dispute.

In the public sector, that is not an option. That's why public employee strikes are and should be illegal, and why public employee unions, in some sense, are unfair to taxpayers.

SCHOOL REFORMS — If Gov. Snyder maintains his self-imposed schedule of

major messages to the legislature and the public, his education message is due in April.

As has been the case in earlier messages on finances and local government, his ideas for Michigan schools are bound to be controversial and far-sighted, and probably very difficult to achieve.

Michigan now has about 500 school districts. Largest is the Detroit school district with roughly 90,000 students, and the smallest would likely range to a few hundred students, and more than half with 2,000 or fewer students.

Obviously one solution does not fit every situation.

Most school districts are probably inefficient in one way or another, and the cry for consolidation likely will rise in the land. That's easy to say, but more difficult to do.

Some districts now share some administrative func-

tions, and that likely is a more comfortable road to efficiency, at least at the outset.

The framework for consolidation already is in place, with 57 intermediate school districts, largely along county lines, administering shared services.

In Florida and Maryland, school boundaries coincide with county boundaries, which in some areas could make sense in Michigan, too.

Local loyalties are difficult to give up, with long held local loyalties, especially in sports and other competitive areas. Voters have approved only two district mergers in the last 10 years.

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Letters to the Editor

Take a balanced approach to building a budget

To the editor:

As a Sister of Mercy, I urge our members of Congress to find the political will to invest in job creation and to protect persons who are poor and vulnerable.

Members of our congregation of women religious minister every day to persons who seek emergency shelter, who turn to food pantries and soup kitchens, and who need job training to find work that pays a liv-

ing wage. It is such programs that many legislators are talking about in their proposals to reduce the federal deficit and debt. Yet non-defense discretionary spending, which includes these vital human services, represents just 19 percent of the budget.

Most economic experts say that tax increases need to be considered for any real long-term debt reduction. Foreign policy and national security experts

point out multiple ways in which the Pentagon budget could be cut more deeply without any harm to our security.

We urge our legislators to take a balanced approach to building a budget by taking into consideration the resources of wealthy individuals and corporations, and the needs of many struggling individuals and families.

Jean Umlor, R.S.M.

They deserve more time

To the editor:

The deadline for euthanasia is quickly approaching for dogs, Shelby and Riley currently housed at the AuSable Valley animal shelter.

I'm sure that most of you remember that the owners of these dogs were taken to court because these dogs "threatened" a man. No, they didn't bite him making this case a bad precedent for Michigan dog owners everywhere.

In my personal opinion (and I sat in court) the case was short on facts and heavy on bias towards the pit bull breed along with harsh judgements on the owners.

I am begging the judge to extend the deadline and give the dogs more time. Since he didn't have them killed and wants to approve potential adopters, he obviously thinks they are adoptable for the right home. He just didn't want

them going back to their previous owners.

However, putting a 90 day deadline on them is just not fair. Even the best of dogs sometimes take months and months to get adopted.

They deserve to live. They deserve more time to find a family.

Jennifer Isbell
Pet Friends Magazine
Traverse City

Dogs were simply protecting their turf

To the editor:

Regarding Mr. Gardner bike riding on property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Minard, it appears that Shelby and Riley were simply doing what they were supposed to be doing, defending their turf against an intruder. They are not trained attack dogs, but beloved pets comfortable being around children. They have no history of biting or being vicious, and

further, Riley was just a puppy at that time.

There was no physical contact, only barking to let Mr. Gardner know that he was trespassing. The dogs quickly responded to Mr. Minard when they were called. There are probably hundreds of dogs in Crawford County protecting their homestead in like manner where this scenario has played out.

Mr. and Mrs. Minard

have complied with the necessary required improvements to their property to keep the dogs contained in the kennel. It is extremely unlikely that this will occur again.

Shelby and Riley have been separated from their owners for close to three years. Isn't it time to bring them home?

Karen Lint
Roscommon

I hope we have not become a community that cares only for the socially accepted person

To the editor:

I just finished reading the article on the young adult foster care home that Cindy and Paul Barnes wanted to operate out of the Hanson House. I was surprised at the reaction of the community over this and even more surprised at the response of Kristie Koehler, our local pediatrician. She was "pleased to see homeowners ban together to preserve the neighborhood."

Apparently appearances come before needs. As a pediatrician I wonder if she has ever encountered a child born with any kind of impairment. They usually grow up to be adults with an impairment.

I have a daughter who is mentally impaired and cannot live independently. If something was to happen to me and her standby guardian, I would hate to think that they type of thinking would prevent her from living in a place such as the Hanson House and receiving care, encouragement and being close to all kinds of activities and close to doctors and a hospital.

Maybe the underlying

issue is because it is the Hanson House. Everyone wants to see it kept the up way it is and therefore have the idea that people with special needs are going to spoil it. If that is the case, then homeowners need to screen whoever buys the Hanson House. New owners may be running a meth lab in the basement or making child pornography videos. Or someone could buy the house and rent out the rooms and there could be parties and loud music.

There is an Adult Foster Care home on Chestnut Street. It has been there for some time and very clean inside and out. Staff members involve the residents in the community. It is a peaceful place and to my knowledge they did not run into such opposition when they wanted to offer this house as a service to those that are challenged.

I hope we have not become a community that cares only for the stable minded, well dressed, well versed and "socially acceptable" person.

Carol Wakeley
Grayling

Letters to the Editor

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will

not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the Editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

Briefs

Church to hold a Woman's Ministry

Bear Lake Christian Church, 221 E. Bear Lake and M-72, will present Woman's Refresh Ministry on Saturday, April 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring in video "Sharing the Faith and Growing the Church," presented by Jill Briscoe. Free brunch will be provided. Breakout session for discussion after lunch. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 231-258-6107 or www.bearlakechristianchurch.org.

Benefit spaghetti dinner to be held

A Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale will be held on April 2, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the American Legion for Sirria Martin. Sirria is a student at GHS and needs help to go the the National Young Leaders Conference to be held in Washington D.C. Donations can also be made at 5/3 Bank and 7-Eleven.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Hospice offering a free bereavement program

Mercy Hospice is sponsoring a free Hospice Foundation of America (HFA) 18th Annual National Bereavement Program, "Spirituality and End-of-Life Care", moderated by Frank Sesno, director of the School of Media and Public Affairs at The George Washington University. The program will be shown at Grayling City Hall, 1020 City Blvd, Grayling from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

HFA's 2011 program will discuss differences between spirituality and religion, while also addressing spirituality during illness, death and grief; spiritual assessment and empowerment, and life review.

Sesno will lead the panel of noted authorities that includes: Kenneth J. Doka, Professor of Gerontology at the Graduate School of the College of New Rochelle; Gary S. Fink, Chaplain and Dementia Project Coordinator at Montgomery

Hospice, and Adjunct Faculty at Hood College Graduate School; Carolyn Jacobs, Dean and Elizabeth Marting Treuhaff Professor at Smith College, School for Social Work; Betty Kramer, Professor at the University of Wisconsin -Madison, School of Social Work; Reinette Powers Murray, owner of The Peaceful Journey End-of-Life Process Program, and certified as a Train-the-Trainer for End-of-Life Nursing Education (ELNEC); and Martha Rutland, Director of Clinical Pastoral Education at VITAS Innovative Hospice Care.

A local panel will be available after the program for discussion and to answer questions.

Continuing Education credits are available for a wide range of professions. To register or for more information about the program contact Mercy Hospice at 989-348-4383 / 800-424-1457.

MDOT is looking for more Adopt-A-Highway volunteers

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is taking applications for Adopt-A-Highway volunteers in northern lower Michigan. While the state already has more than 32,000 volunteers lined up, more help is needed this year to clean up highways in MDOT's North Region. The popular statewide beautification program enables volunteers to adopt a stretch of state highway and clean it three times each year.

"For the past 20 years, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers saved MDOT about \$1.5 million," said MDOT Grayling Transportation Service Center Manager Jay Gailitis. "However, in times of financial challenge, we need more dedicated volunteers to join our pickup crews."

Current volunteers include members of various civic organizations, churches, labor unions, corporations, government employees and family members honoring a loved one. A number of two-mile sections of highway

remain available for adoption.

For information about how you can become involved, contact MDOT at 989-344-1802, or visit the MDOT Web site at www.michigan.gov/adoptahighway and view a video about the program. To get started, simply contact your local MDOT coordinator to sign up (names and phone numbers are listed on the Web site.)

Gailitis also reminds motorists, "Drive safely whenever you see our volunteers out cleaning the highways."

Animal Shelter selected as March Spotlight-a-Member



Ausable Valley Animal Shelter received the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club Spotlight-a-Member Award for March. The AVAS staff pictured above, L to R, volunteer Carol Lownsberry; AVAS Director Cheryl Postma; volunteer Mary Wright; and shelter assistant Karen Holemo.

Ausable Valley Animal Shelter (AVAS) was selected as the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club Spotlight-a-Member Award for March.

The first animal shelter opened in Crawford County in the late 60s. There have been many changes over the years including the incorporation of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County in 1992.

The shelter moved to its new facility in June of 2007 and began doing business under the new name, Ausable Valley Animal Shelter at that time.

AVAS houses all of the stray dogs found in Crawford County. "We house surrendered dogs as space allows and stray or surrendered cats as space allows," said AVAS Director Cheryl Postma.

The shelter actively works to reunite pets with their owners and has a strong adoption program to find new homes for unclaimed animals.

"People may not realize that we have a low cost micro chipping program," said Postma. "The shelter keeps a data base of lost and found pets for our county. We offer dog grooming on a limited basis, host low cost shot clinics and sell dog licenses from November until March."

AVAS is actually a privately run and funded non-profit facility. That means that the only tax dollars that come to the shelter are through a contract with the county that pays the shelter a small stipend to house its stray dogs.

In 2010 AVAS became the first private stray center in Northern Michigan to openly declare itself a "no kill" facility. This simply means that AVAS guarantees life for all adoptable pets that come into the shelter system. For the past three years AVAS has placed more than 96% of the homeless pets in our community into safe and approved homes.

The AVAS has been a chamber member for four years. Visit them online at ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org.

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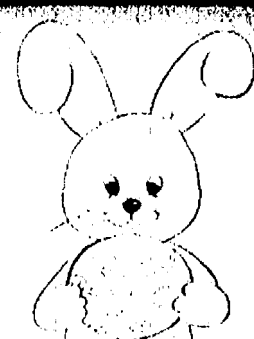
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The Bible Speaks

God's Power in Government

Romans 13:1 taught us God's person is behind all authority: "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." Romans 13:2 taught us God's precepts are behind all authority: "Whoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation." Romans 13:3 taught us God's purity is the moral basis behind authority: "For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same." Romans 13:4 teaches us that God's power is behind government authority: "For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil."

First, the position of the person executing government authority: "For he is the minister of God to thee for good..." The word "minister" is from the Greek word, "diakonos" which is translated "deacons" in 1 Timothy 3:8, 12. It speaks of government persons as being servants of God. Israel's first king was rejected for forgetting this truth in 1 Samuel 15:24: "24 And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice." God's government power comes first from God, then through God's people.

Second, the power of the person executing government authority: "But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain..." God alone has the authority to take life, and He has delegated this authority to

government as His representative. The Romans sword was an instrument of death. A soldier or police officer forced to kill in the line of duty has no reason to feel guilt or shame. They are serving as ministers of God and servants of the people, they risk their lives to defend.

Third, the punishment by the person executing government authority: "For he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil." This is God's answer to Romans 12:19: "19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." This was God's plan also in the Old Testament in Leviticus 19:18: "18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD."

This was one reason God revealed the 10 commandments to Israel as His system of Civil Laws to control evil within society. The second half of these commandments in Exodus 20:13-17 are the foundational basis for order in Western Civilization: "13 Thou shalt not kill," respect for God-given life; "14 Thou shalt not commit adultery," respect for God-given home and family; "15 Thou shalt not steal," respect for God-given property; "16 Thou shalt not bear false witness..." respect for God-given honesty and honor; and "17 Thou shalt not covet..." respect for God-given blessings. This moral basis for liberty and justice under law underlies our Declaration of Independence and U. S. Constitution in America. Pastor "B"

The Bible Speaks is a paid advertisement and does not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Crawford County Avalanche.

Range Firing

Range activities at Camp Grayling for April 7-13 will be as follows:

Small Arms Ranges, located north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline, south of Portage Creek and west of Lake Margrethe, April 7-13.

Range 15, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Grayling Moorestown Road/Cadillac Road and on the north by Carrier Road, April 9.

The 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618 and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), April 7-9 and 12-13.

The 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), April 7-8.

The 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Road, east of Jones Lake Road, south of County Road 612 and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail, April 7-9 and 12-13.

In addition, the following roads will be closed on April 6-11: Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to Wakeley Bridge Road; Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to North Down River Road; Stephen Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road; Wakeley Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information call 989-344-6100.

Honors

Northern Michigan University

Northern Michigan University announced the Dean's List for the Fall 2010 semester. Those from the area were Danyell Thomas of Frederic and James Hilbrecht from Grayling.

Obituaries

Dorris M. Konzer

Dorris M. Konzer, 87, of Grayling, passed away on Monday, March 21, 2011.

She was born in Detroit, on September 11, 1923, the daughter of the late Roy and Adolfine (Kozlowske) Faulman.

She was a member of Mt. Hope Lutheran Church.

She is survived by daughters, Jean (Joseph) Callewaert of Rock, Diane (Gary) Pilette of Washington Twp.; son, Lynn (Janet) Konzer of Fife Lake; three grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and brother, John (Marion) Faulman of Shelby Twp.

She was preceded in death by husband, Harold; brother, Roy Faulman; and sister, Violet Powers.

A funeral service was held on Friday, March 25, 2011, at Mt. Hope Lutheran with Pastor Todd Brunworth officiating.

Interment will be at Pioneer Cemetery later in the spring.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Mt. Hope Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Area Events

Gaylord - Otsego County Tea Party membership meeting is Monday April 4, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at Marsh Ridge Conference Center Bergen Room. Guest speaker Ron Babin, VP Michigan Fair Tax Association will discuss Michigan's Fair Tax proposal and how it holds out to us, not only jobs and prosperity, but government tax policy that's fairer, simple, more equal and transparent. For more information call Ron Smith 983-3650.

Houghton Lake - The regular meeting of the North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held on Tuesday, April 5, at the Houghton Lake Community Building at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are invited.

Don Geiss

The world lost a hero when Don Geiss, 86, died March 25, at the Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

He was born in Cleveland, Ohio.

He served in the U.S. Infantry during World War II and was a Prisoner of War in Germany for nearly a year. He was decorated with a Purple Heart, a Victory Medal and two Bronze Stars, among others.

He received both his Bachelors and Masters degrees from Michigan State University.

He taught Audio Visual Education at Michigan State, Slippery Rock State College in Pennsylvania and Mansfield State College in Pennsylvania.

He also directed a four-county Educational Media Center in north central Pennsylvania, as well as holding other positions in his chosen field.

After moving to the Grayling area, he wrote for the Herald Times and The Crawford County Avalanche, as well as other publications.

He was a member of the Grayling Rotary Club and Camp Grayling Conservation Club. He served as a board member of the Crawford County Housing Commission and the Department of Social Services and was a local representative for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

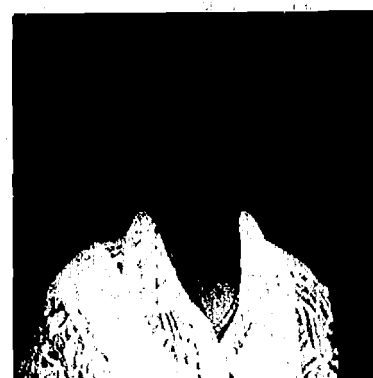
He spent many hours volunteering with River House Shelter, Crawford County Historical Museum, Crawford County Fish Hatchery, the Grayling Visitors Bureau and the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

He was an avid fisherman, hunter and bird watcher. He enjoyed leather work, painting and reading. He raised African violets and conducted workshops about them in Michigan and Texas. He spoke at various programs and school functions about his P.O.W. experiences.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine of 62 years; three children: Pat Niemczyk of Grayling, Jeff Geiss of Gaylord, Ilene Geiss-Wilson of Frederic; a son-in-law, Steve Wilson of Frederic; five grandchildren: Laura, Krysta and Anna Niemczyk and Rachel and Curtis Wilson.

No services are currently planned.

Contributions may be made to the American Ex-POW organization, 3201 East Pioneer Parkway #40, Arlington, TX, or the Crawford County United Way, P.O. Box 171, Grayling.



Frances E. Shires

Frances Elaine Shires, 75, passed away at home on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, in Brighton.

She was born January 21, 1936, in Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Her life was full with joy, laughter and loved ones. She surrounded herself with things that made her happy, no matter how many challenges in life she faced. Living each day to the fullest was her gift as she packed a lot into the suitcase of life.

She lived her legacy as a wife, mother, grandma, aunt and friend. Through her laughter, beautiful smile, zest for life and love for the Lord, she showed kindness and grace everyday.

She was a State of Michigan employee for 25 years who resided for 30 years in Grayling.

She served as the Camp Commander's secretary under six different Colonels for most of her career. Golf, card games and travel were enjoyed later during her retirement. Her life revolved around those she loved and she made the most of everyday.

She is survived by four children: Bill (Donna) Anderson of Macon Ga., David (Marla) Shires of Portage, Becky (Rick) Cwiek of Brighton, Mary (Rick) Munson of Holland; seven grandchildren who brought an abundance of joy, Brandon, Laura, Alex, Trevor, Rachel, Zachary and Jonathan.

She was preceded in death by David Shires, her husband of 35 years.

A funeral service was held at Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 9455 Hilton Rd., Brighton, on Monday, March 28, 2011, at 11 a.m. Dr. Richard J. Alberta officiated.

A private family interment was at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to University of Michigan, Speech Program.

For further information please phone 810-229-2905 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

Corena Turnbull

Corena Turnbull, 77, passed away on January 19, 2011.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, April 3, at 2 p.m., at First Congregational Church in Roscommon. Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home.

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The caring people at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home could never be replaced, not even by saints. In our opinion they are saints. They were more than helpful and went way beyond being funeral directors and became part of our family. Dodi Harris-Steffes planned and assured all arrangements for the luncheon provided after the funeral. She was never asked to do this, she just did it. That takes heart and caring for others and putting your self second. For Sharon Johnson and Steve Green who provided the Legion Hall for us to finally meet and share stories. Also for Don Brigham to put his daily life aside to provide a wonderful service and provided a smile in between each tear during his service. He deserves more than we could ever give.

I could go on and on expressing my heart felt feelings for everyone who sent flowers or a plant, brought a dish to pass, came to the funeral home, called, texted, or sent an email, but words will never express how much this touched our family. If there is anyone who ever needs anything please don't ever hesitate to contact us, we will always be there as you were for us. God Bless each and everyone of you.

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AuSable Grille/Sports Bar renovations unveiled

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

After months and \$500,000 in renovations, the head staff and owners of the Ramada Inn of Grayling unveiled the AuSable Grille and AuSable Sports Bar for the community last week.

Hotel owners Jolly Singh and Inder Ubhi purchased the Ramada Inn of Grayling on July 1, 2010. Since then, they have given the hotel's banquet rooms, restaurant, swimming pool area, bar and restaurant a \$500,000 facelift. They are now focused on upgrading the rooms at the hotel.

"It's taken longer than we wanted it to, but to do it right and to do it well it takes more time," said Misty Ankney, general manager for the Ramada Inn of Grayling.

Singh and Ubhi are anxious to get the room renovations completed as the busy tourism season nears. The business partners own a Days Inn in Inlay City and the Corner Express, a truck stop in Wellston.

"The focal point is customer care and that is what we love to do," Singh said.

The hotel currently has a workforce of 56 employees and more staff will be added as business picks up.

"The local people are the backbone of the business," Singh said. "With their help, we can bring the economy back and bring back business. Other peo-



Photo by Dan Sanderson

After months and \$500,000 in renovations, the head staff and owners of the Ramada Inn of Grayling unveiled the AuSable Grille and AuSable Sports Bar for the community last week. Above, owner Jolly Singh, Executive Chef Lynn Allen, General Manager Misty Ankney and owner Inder Ubhi are pictured by the fireplace in the AuSable Grille.

ple will do well if we do good and this place will be booming."

The hotel has greeted visitors and tourists as they come into Grayling for 38 years. Previously operated as a Holiday Inn, the hotel was transferred to the Ramada Inn franchise in 2007.

Along with changing all the amenities, the name of the restaurant was changed from the Crawford Station to the AuSable Grille to highlight the community's natural resources and recreational opportunities.

"Crawford Station was great, but it was a little dated," Ankney said. "We just wanted to tie into the area and the AuSable River which is quite a big draw

here."

The menu served in the hotel's bar and restaurant has also been upgraded.

"We're really excited to bring good food with a reasonably-priced menu which this city certainly needs," Ankney said.

Executive Chef Lynn Allen, who is a fourth general chef and member of the American Culinary Federation, was brought on board to spearhead the changes.

Allen, who is from Bloomfield Hills, has worked at well-known northern Michigan restaurants and resorts for 27 years, including the Sugar Bowl, the Otsego Club, the Garland Lodge and Resort and most recently Marsh Ridge Resort.

Allen said working through the changing seasons and introducing new food preparation techniques in a laid back atmosphere makes work a pleasure for his patrons and staff.

"There are a lot of different tastes to the northern palette up here verses downstate so it's very interesting," he said.

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Library News

Count Crawford invites boils & ghouls, ages 6-12, to the Devereaux Dungeon (a.k.a. the library conference room) for "POetry to Chill By!" On Thursday, March 31 at 3:30 p.m. kids can learn about poetry in music ... featuring the Thriller video, and instructions on how to do the zombie walk. This event is made possible by a Michigan Center for the Book grant and is part of

our "Raven Mad in Michigan" programming on Edgar Allan Poe throughout April. To sign up contact Jane at 989-348-9214.

Teens and tweens can join us at the Frederic Community Library for a "Raven Mad/Thriller" event on Friday, April 1 at 6 p.m. Discover Edgar Allan Poe and celebrate National Poetry Month with music, crafts and snacks by calling

Connie M. at 989-348-4067. Enjoy "Family Campfire Fun" at the Frederic Community Library on Saturday, April 2 at 11 a.m. There will be scary stories, crafts and fun as part of our "Raven Mad" programming this month honoring Edgar Allan Poe. Contact Miss Connie at 989-348-4067 to learn more.

Meet author and Interlochen creative writing director Michael Delp at

Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, April 5 at 5 p.m. Our "Write On!" adult writing club will host Mr. Delp at a program titled "POetic License." Michael will be doing a reading and give a talk about the creative process as well as a question and answer period. This event is part of a Michigan Center for the Book grant. Call Jane to sign up at 989-348-9214.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 88 complaints the week of March 21 - March 27.

Seventeen general assistance, three false alarm activations, one aggravated assault-public official, one aggravated stalking, one bur-

glary/home invasion, three larcenies, one larceny from years, one false statements, one fraudulent activities, one non-sufficient funds checks, one damage to property, one resisting officer, one obstruction to justice/preliminary investigation, 13 public peace/disorderly reports, one

OUIL/UBAL, one operating while intoxicated, two health and safety reports, one health and safety violations, two miscellaneous criminal offenses, four miscellaneous arrests, 11 traffic accidents, six family troubles/domestic, eight family troubles/domestic, eight suspicious situa-

tions, four driving violations/driving while license suspended and one driving on revoked/suspended license.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

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The Classic Bride - Silver-screen star Grace Kelly comes to mind when you think of the classic bride — simple, sophisticated and timeless. She follows all the rules of wedding etiquette, and she takes tradition seriously. Her celebrity role model is someone like Jessica Simpson who walked down the aisle toward Nick Lachey carrying a bouquet of stephanotis in 2003. White roses or stephanotis with pearl pins in the center are ideal flowers for the classic bride's bouquet. The classic girl's bridesmaids carry cascading roses in shades that match their dresses. Her groom and ushers sport rose and baby's breath boutonnieres. A basket with rose petals to toss down the aisle is the perfect accessory for her flower girl. Long-stem white roses in tall vases that allow guests to see one another make for traditional, tasteful reception centerpieces.

The Modern Bride - This bride is up on all the hottest wedding trends — and she's more than happy to include them in her big day. She is in vogue and willing to think outside the box. Debra Messing, the "Will and Grace" star who carried a tall bouquet of calla lilies at her wedding in 2000 to screenwriter Daniel Zelman, is someone the

modern bride can emulate. When it comes to the modern bride's bouquet, she should consider single-flower monochromatic nosegays or calla lilies in white or a bright color, matching her bridesmaids' dresses. Calla lilies in various shades, from yellow to crimson, are ideal for the modern girl's attendants. Her groom might stick with a traditional rose boutonniere or simply a silk handkerchief tucked in his front pocket, depending on how formal the affair. The modern girl may use mixed wildflowers for centerpieces or forgo flowers altogether in favor of towering trays of cookies or some other conversation piece. For example, if she is an autumn bride, she might include a decorative hollow pumpkin with its top off as a vase for typical autumn flowers like gold mums. Since she's willing to be creative, she might include real flowers as decoration on her cake, which are beautiful and keep her on budget. Real flowers are cheaper than having pastry chefs whip up the sugary kind.

The Glamorous Bride - Diva is the first word that comes to mind when you hear about the glamorous bride. Everything she does makes a dramatic statement. And her flowers, or lack thereof, are no different. Think Melania Knauss, who wed Donald Trump in January 2005. She clutched rosary beads in lieu of a bouquet as she walked down the aisle solo. A glamorous bride who prefers to make a statement with flowers should choose something like orchids, peonies, giant peonies or black magic roses. A bull's-eye bouquet which makes circular rows of flowers look like a bull's eye is right on target for a woman who wants to make a statement. And this bride often chooses more sleek and simple flower arrangements for her bridesmaids, if she includes them, because she should be the center of attention. Money is no object for this bride, so she does not care if her flowers are in season. In-season flowers are always more affordable.

The Romantic Bride - She wants to be a princess for a day and often wears a big frilly dress with lots of regal details. The late Princess Diana is her role model, but she can turn to TV personality Star Jones for inspiration, too. Jones, who could be mistaken for a glamorous bride because of the extravagance of her

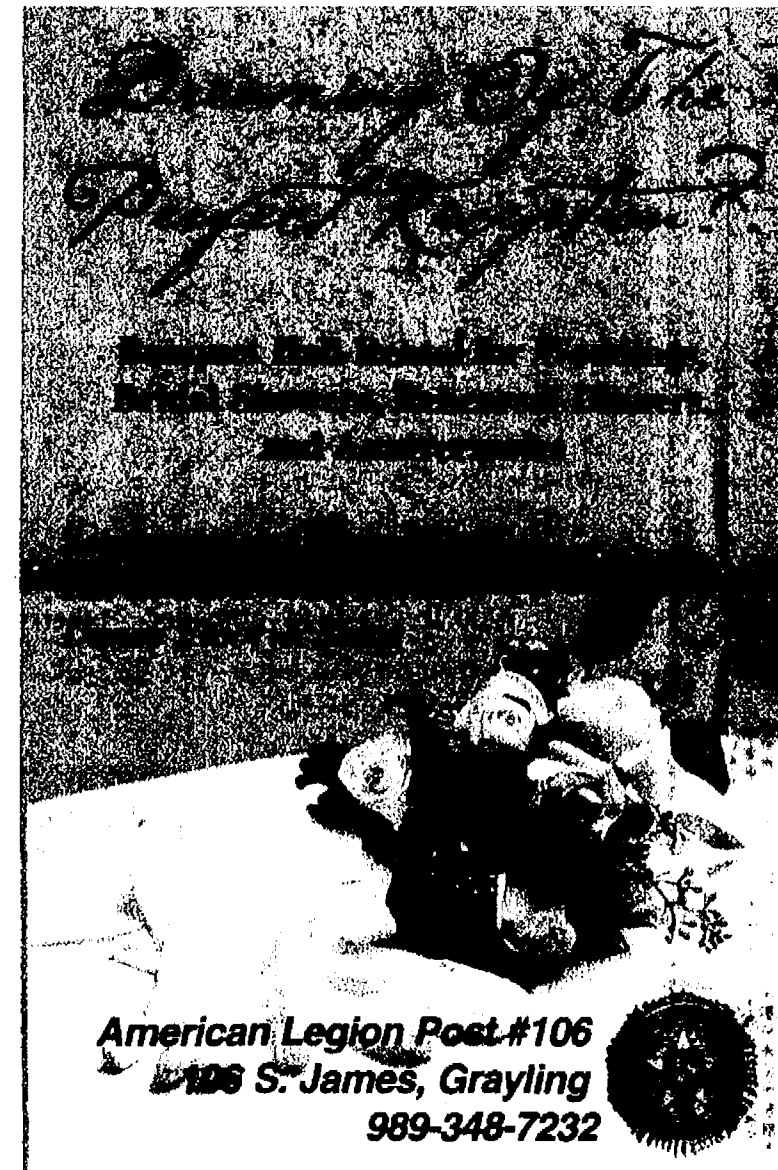
star-studded affair at a New York City hotel, chose flowers that were all romance, from her cascading bouquet to the small nosegays of pastel roses carried by bridesmaids including actress Holly Robinson Peete and singer Natalie Cole. The decorative floral arrangements at the reception included white orchids, roses and calla lilies, all of which scream love. The romantic bride should consider dahlias, a baby's breath cloud or a nosegay in a silver or gold cone-shaped vase called a tussy mussy. Tea roses are a great choice for the bridesmaids. Her flower girl carries a pomander and wears a wreath of baby's breath or daisies in her hair. The color palette for centerpieces should be soft and demure. Before placing clear vases of flowers on reception tables, some romantic brides opt for putting fake pearls at the bottom of each one to hide the flowers' stems.

The Beach Bride - This girl knows when the surf's up, and she wants to smell the salt of the ocean when she says "I do." Beach brides often wear a white bikini or a slinky dress with little detail, which means her bouquet should be eye-catching. Mira Sorvino carried a burst of tiny

white and yellow blossoms when she got married on a hilltop on the Italian island of Capri that overlooks the Mediterranean Sea. Something like spiky blue veronica with hydrangea, white amaryllis, sunflowers or birds of paradise can make a statement in the sand.

The groom wears linen yet steers clear of any flowers, unless the couple is in Hawaii and opts for matching leis. In that case, their bridal party, if they have one, will follow suit. If not, the bridesmaids are more likely to have a tropical flower in their hair instead of their hands. Flower arrangements that feature shells make for fitting decorations.

The Anti-Bride - The only rule for the anti-bride is that there are no rules. She can relate to Model Mia Tyler who, thanks to her father Steven Tyler, got married on the fly onstage to rocker Dave Buckner at an Aerosmith concert in 2003. If the anti-bride opts for a bouquet, she is likely to have her friends each give her a flower which she will bunch together and tie with a ribbon, or her groom will buy her a rose from a street vendor. Even the harshest supermarket bouquet would suffice. EL056732



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Countdown to your wedding day

To help you get a better understanding of how to plan a wedding and when you should be making certain decisions, here's a timeframe you can follow that should ensure that your wedding goes off as smoothly as possible.

10 to 12 Months Before
If you haven't done it already, this is a good time to announce your engagement and introduce your respective families. Since most reception halls and churches have busy wedding schedules, it is also important to book both as early as possible, preferably at least a year in advance of your wedding day. It's also a good idea to start putting together a guest list around this time and ask your parents whom they'd like to invite as well. Also, since your budget will determine just about every aspect of your wedding, sitting down and determining what you can spend, and developing a savings plan should be first and foremost.

6 to 9 Months Before
This is the time when you want to start booking some services, such as a florist, caterer, a DJ/band, and a photographer. However, some of the more experienced DJs and bands as well as photographers might have their schedules booked a year in advance, so this might be something you'll want to consider

doing shortly after you get engaged and choose a date. Also, this is a good time to inform any guests who will be traveling significant distances of the date of your wedding. The earlier your guests can book a flight, the less expensive that flight will be.

This is also a good time to order gowns for both the bride and bridesmaids, as some manufacturers require a few months to ship to bridal shops. You might want to ask someone such as your priest or rabbi to be the officiant of your wedding. And much like out-of-town guests will save travel dollars the earlier they learn of your wedding date, you will likely save money, too, if you book your honeymoon around this time.

4 to 5 Months Before
This is a good time to decide on wedding invitations, of which there are many styles to choose from. Also, now is ideal to start hunting for a wedding cake by sampling a number of different bakeries and their style of cakes before ultimately making a decision. Just to be sure, confirm that all of the bridesmaids have ordered their gowns and start looking for a tuxedo for the groom as well as the groomsmen. If you haven't done so already, purchase your wedding rings and let any other people you'd like to

participate in your wedding (ushers, readers during the ceremony, etc.) know of your intentions.

2 to 3 Months Before
Finalize your guest list and mail out your invitations. If your guest list includes a considerable amount of people who are spread out geographically, mail the invitations as close to 12 weeks in advance as possible. This is also a good time to finalize your menu choices for your guests, and find all your wedding accessories such as the ring pillow, candles, etc. Also, since it is tradition to provide gifts for those in the wedding party as well as the parents of the bride and groom, this is a good time to decide on and purchase those gifts. Just to be safe, confirm that all groomsmen have ordered their tuxedos and finalize all transportation, both to and from the wedding and to the airport for your honeymoon.

1 to 2 Months Before
Schedule the first bridal-gown fitting. Also finalize the readings you'd prefer during the ceremony and mail them out to anyone who has agreed to do a reading. If your family prefers to host a small gathering for close family and friends after the wedding rehearsal, the night before the wedding, this is a good time to order any food or drinks you might

want to serve that night, or make a restaurant reservation.

3 to 4 Weeks Before
Confirm your honeymoon arrangements and see if your wedding rings are ready. This is also when you should get your marriage license and check the guest list to see who has and hasn't RSVP'd. For those who have yet to RSVP, you might want to contact them so you can get a closer idea of what the head count will be. You should also prepare and order your wedding program around this time.

1 to 2 Weeks Before
Get a final attendance count and submit it to the caterer as soon as you know of it, while also providing a final seating chart. Pick up the wedding gown and tuxedo. Make sure the wedding party picks up their attire. Also, finalize your vows and confirm all wedding-day details such as transportation, photo schedules, and addresses. And don't forget to pack for your honeymoon.

The Day Before
This is mainly when you rehearse for the ceremony and make any final confirmations you might have to make. Also, make sure to get some sleep so you'll look good in all of your wedding day photos. BR061274

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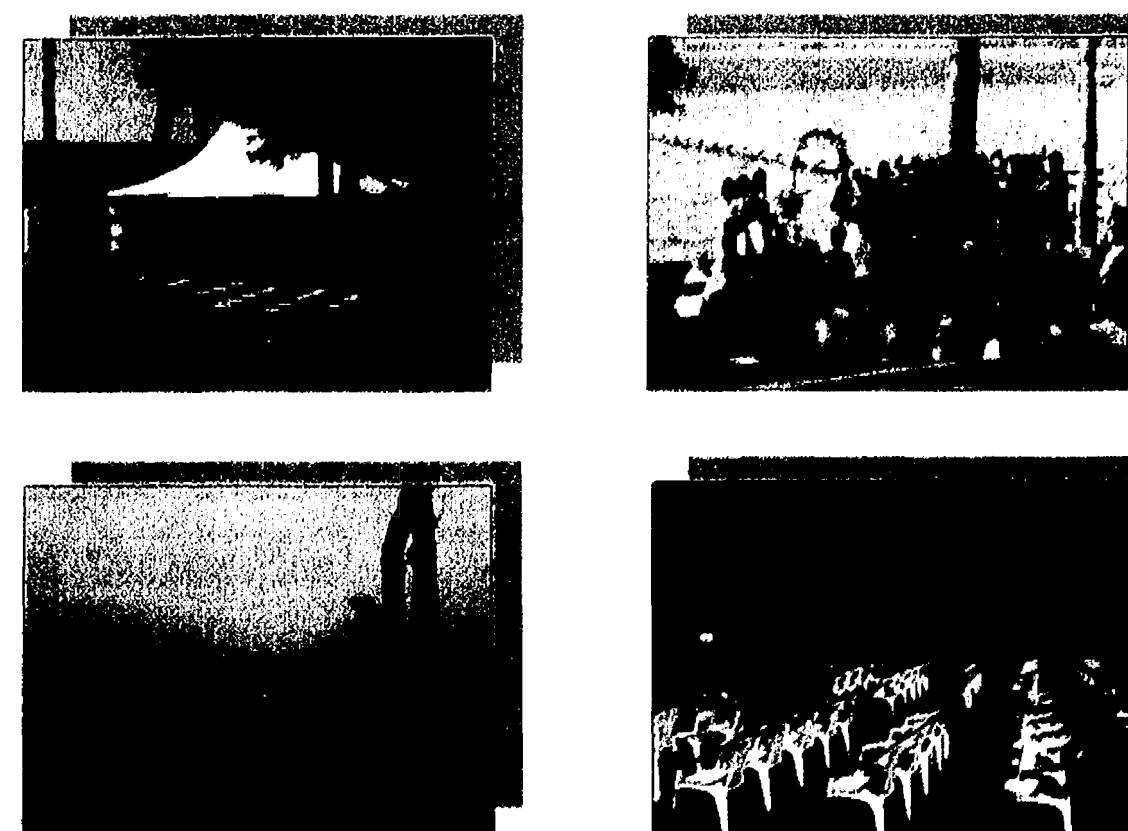
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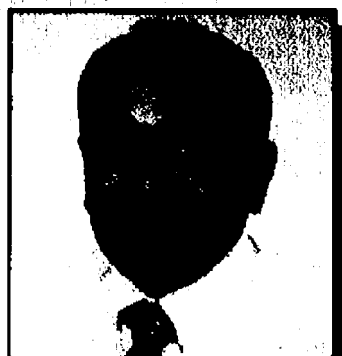
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Pitching should be baseball team's strong suit this year

New coach takes over varsity squad

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's varsity baseball team has a new coach this season – Bret Krabill, a Grayling Middle School teacher who coached last year's junior varsity baseball team for GHS – and a solid foundation of returning players from last season's 22-14-1 team.

The 2011 squad has seven seniors, five juniors, and one sophomore (listed with probable positions): (seniors) Ethan Lewis, OF/P; Jensen Aubry, IF/P; Zach Wolcott, 3B/P; Luke Schneider, 2B/SS; Jake Helsel, C/3B/1B; Trevor Theaker, OF; Nick McDonald, OF; (juniors) Riley Zigila, SS/P; Cam Wilson, C/Util; Nick Wells, Util; Joe Schwartz, OF; Joe Latusek, OF; (sophomore) Jeff Enos, OF.

"Things are going well this year. The guys are buying into some of the new wrinkles we are throwing into the program and so far our practices have been going smoothly," Coach Krabill said.

The team started its official practice sessions/try-outs on Monday, March 14. So far, the squad hasn't been able to practice on its game field due to snow and poor weather conditions. The team's first game of the year – a nonconference doubleheader slated for Monday, March 28, vs. Houghton Lake – was canceled.

"Practice has been going well; however, it would be nice to make it outside and to do some situational work. There is only so much that you can do in the gym, but it is going to be that way for



Nick McDonald fields a grounder during last Tuesday's varsity baseball practice.



Nick Wells throws the ball during a drill at practice on March 22.

every team we play. Last year we were blessed with great weather early in the season. This year, not so much," Coach Krabill said. Coach Krabill said pitching and infield defense should be two of the team's biggest assets this year.

"Our top tier pitching will be very good. We are going to take a different approach with the arms. We want to be strong at the end of the year," Coach Krabill said. "Also, the top of the order

should be able to produce some runs and the infield is strong at every position."

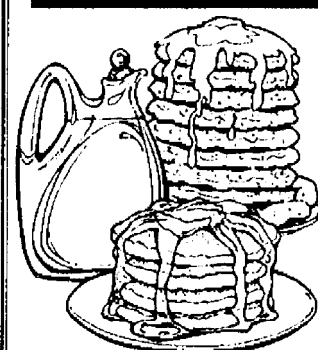
"As a team we need to work on mental toughness. We have to realize that we are a good team, but we have to practice and play like one," Coach Krabill said. "Limiting walks and errors will be two of the biggest factors in determining our overall success."

"Our slogan this year has been 'champions.' If we practice like champions, we will play like champions," Coach Krabill said.

The team's first game is now slated for April 12 – the first day back from spring break for the Crawford-AuSable School District – vs. Roscommon, a nonconference foe. The first league doubleheader for GHS is scheduled for April 15 at Harbor Springs.

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Grayling High School varsity baseball players, during their seventh practice of the season.

Pitching should be baseball team's strong suit this year

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Coach Krabill expects the Lake Michigan Conference to be a tough league for baseball this year, but says Grayling could be in the

mix for the top spot.

"Our goal is to get better every day we step on the field. We can contend for a conference title if we play the right way; if we don't

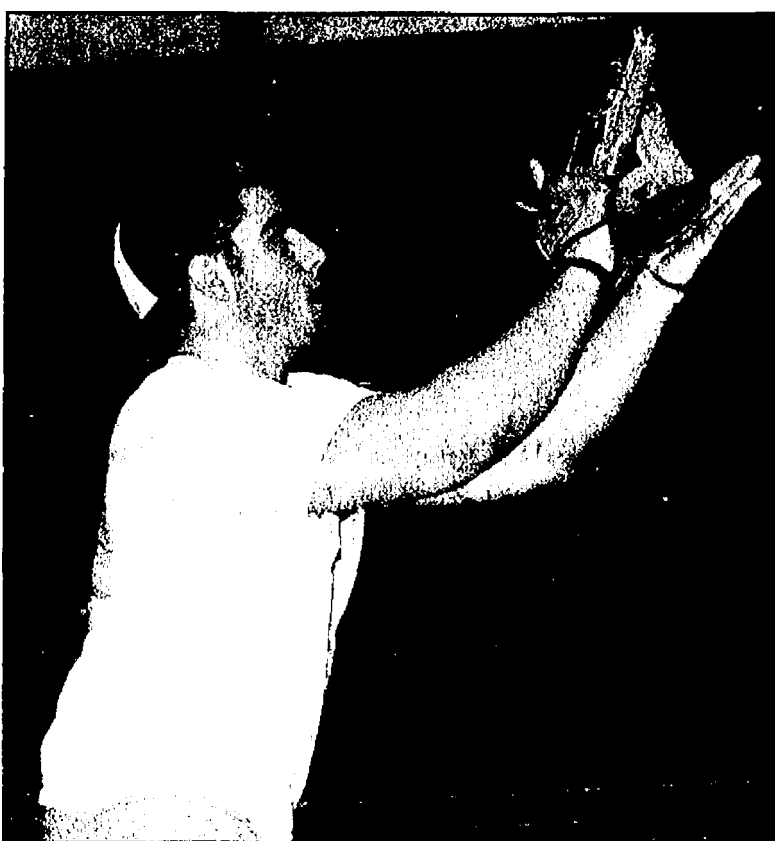
we won't win it," Coach Krabill said. "The (Lake Michigan Conference) is going to be very competitive this year. Boyne is the group that people will be chasing. They finished second in the league and lost only one starter. They finished the year ranked 10 and will be looking to do well. Kalkaska will also be tough, especially the first game of a doubleheader. Charlevoix and Elk Rapids are the wild cards this year."

For the Michigan High School Athletic Association playoffs, Grayling will be in the Division 3-District 66 tournament hosted by Boyne City. The district includes Boyne City, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Grayling, Harbor Springs, and Mancelona.

"Districts will be tough. Boyne hosts the district and there are six teams. The first round draws will be huge

and will give one team a leg up. Our district is made up of mostly (Lake Michigan Conference) teams but Mancelona is also there. They are one of the better teams outside of our conference. Whoever wins districts will have earned it," Coach Krabill said.

The squad's first home game of the year - now that Monday's contest vs. Houghton Lake has been canceled - is slated for Tuesday, April 19, vs. Traverse City St. Francis.



Ethan Lewis tracks an airborne ball during a recent varsity baseball practice.

Bowling Leagues

Senior League

Dana Transport . . . 90 - 26
Flowers By Josie . . . 65 - 51
Gaylord Electric . . . 65 - 51
Legion Lanes . . . 61 - 53
Spike's . . . 54.5 - 61.5
Sylvester's . . . 47 - 69
Lone Pine . . . 44 - 72
Bear's Den . . . 35.5 - 80.5
High Series Women: B. Shippy, 495; M. Rysso, 468; C. Clark, 462.
High Game Women: B. Shippy, 208; M. Rysso, 181; D. Hollis, 171.
High Series Men: P. Faustman, 535; B. Hollis, 524; L. Crampton, 487.
High Game: P. Faustman, 214; B. Hollis, 198; G. Lake, 179.

Recreation League

Snap Fitness . . . 37 - 15
American Legion . . . 30 - 22
Robin Smith CPA . . . 30 - 22
Grayling Nurs. . . 25.5 - 26.5
Days Inn . . . 24 - 28
Woody Girls . . . 24 - 28
Dance till drop . . . 22.5 - 29.5
Glen's . . . 15 - 37
High Series: P. Younglove, 518; S. Johnson, 467; A. D'Amour, 463.
High Game: P. Younglove, 208; A. D'Amour, 185; P. Petrosky, 167.

Pioneer League

Triple X Club . . . 30.5 - 17.5
Legion . . . 30 - 18
Tim's Collision . . . 29 - 19
Coldwell . . . 28.5 - 19.5
T.C. Lawncare . . . 25 - 23
Ole Dam . . . 24 - 24
5 B's . . . 22 - 26
High Series: S. Johnsons, 518; J. Coors, 505; D. Argue, 501.
High Game: D. Argue, 200; B. LaMotte, 195; L. Rutter, 194.

Friday Mixed Doubles

L & L Hauling . . . 61 - 30
Northern Lawn . . . 56 - 35
Dodi's Karaoke . . . 52 - 39
Don Nester . . . 49 - 42
Legion . . . 41 - 50
Moshier Auto . . . 38 - 53
Double Trouble . . . 34 - 57

Rye Collision . . . 33 - 58
High Series Women: T. Rock, 547; D. Hollis, 495; B. MacKinnon, 486.
High Game Women: T. Rock, 214; B. MacKinnon, 183; D. Hollis, 171.
High Series Men: G. Mastroeni, 633; P. Benardo, 604; B. Harris, 583.
High Game Men: G. Mastroeni, 238; P. Benardo and J. Lehman, 213.

Thursday Morning Coffee

Thanks "A Latte" . . . 38 - 14
Ladybugs . . . 28.5 - 23.5
Bowling Buds . . . 26.5 - 25.5
Snow Tops . . . 22 - 30
Bill's Harem . . . 21 - 31
Fearless . . . 20 - 32
High Series Women: P. Younglove, 475; H. Stairs, 473; D. Hollis, 464.

High Game Women: A. Stanley, 189; M. Brooks, 176; D. Hollis, 174.
High Series Men: S. Green, 596; B. Hollis, 589; P. Faustman, 576.
High Game Men: S. Green, 234; B. Hollis, 211; H. Blake, 206.

American Men's League

Thayers Crew . . . 30 - 12
Moore's Auto . . . 29 - 13
IMM . . . 26 - 16
Man Cave . . . 24 - 18
Joels Team . . . 20 - 22
McLean's Ace . . . 19 - 23
Fenton's Auto . . . 16 - 26
High Series: J. Thayer, 648; J. Helsel, 645; L. Davis, 635.
High Game: L. Ostrowski, 257; J. Thayer, 238; J. Helsel, 227.

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GHS varsity softball players, after practice on a snow day, March 23.

New coach expects pitching, defense to be team's strengths

Varsity softball squad's young group has 'a lot of talent'

by Caleb Casey
 Senior Staff Writer

It's a young team – the Grayling High School varsity softball squad has four seniors, six juniors, two

sophomores, and two freshmen – but the group's new coach, Sarah Allen, who led the school's junior varsity softball team last season, says the squad has "a lot of talent."

"It is going great so far," Coach Allen said. "The girls seem to respect what I am trying to do with the program and we are looking forward to getting on the field."

The squad started its official practices on Monday, March 14. Due to the cold weather and field conditions, the team has not been able to practice outdoors so far this year.

"It is hard to practice indoors, especially for weeks on end. We have been doing a lot of scrimmaging to get in some live hitting. We are now going to focus on fixing some of the things that the coaches have seen in the scrimmages before our first game," Coach Allen said.

This year's squad will include (listed with probable positions): (seniors) Shalee Miller, Util; Jordan Stephan, OF; Kirstie Wakeley, IF; Kaitlin Carney,



Andrea Malm winds up for a pitch during last Wednesday's practice.

OF; (juniors) Andrea Malm, P/IF; Kara Malm, P/IF; Elaine DesEnfants, 1B; Lindsey Johnson, Util; Majerle Nielson, 1B; Tabatha Watkins, Util; (sophomores) Caitlin Prosser, C; Madi Junttila, IF; (freshmen) Meagan Malm, P/IF; Cierra Prosser,

IF. "We have a great group of girls that have a lot of talent. We have three great pitchers and a lot of great fielders. I feel that our defense will be our strength this year, especially when they are working as one unit," Coach Allen said.

The group is young, but many of the juniors and both of the sophomores played on the varsity squad for at least part of the 2010 season. Coach Allen said one of the team's challenges this preseason has been creating a cohesive unit.

"We have about half our girls that have been on varsity and the other half this is their first year. I think that we need to work most on not being a divided team. If we want to win, we must play as one team; so far they are doing great at coming together," Coach Allen said.

Coach Allen's goals for the team are simple: play well, win games. "I feel that as a team we would like to have more wins than losses. The best goal that we can have is making sure that every game we do our very best," she said. "As a coach that is all I can ask for."

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New coach expects pitching, defense to be team's strengths

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For the Michigan High School Athletic Association playoffs Grayling is in Division 3-District 66, a tournament that will feature five Lake Michigan Conference squads - Boyne City, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Grayling, and Harbor Springs - and Mancelona (from the Ski Valley Conference) for a

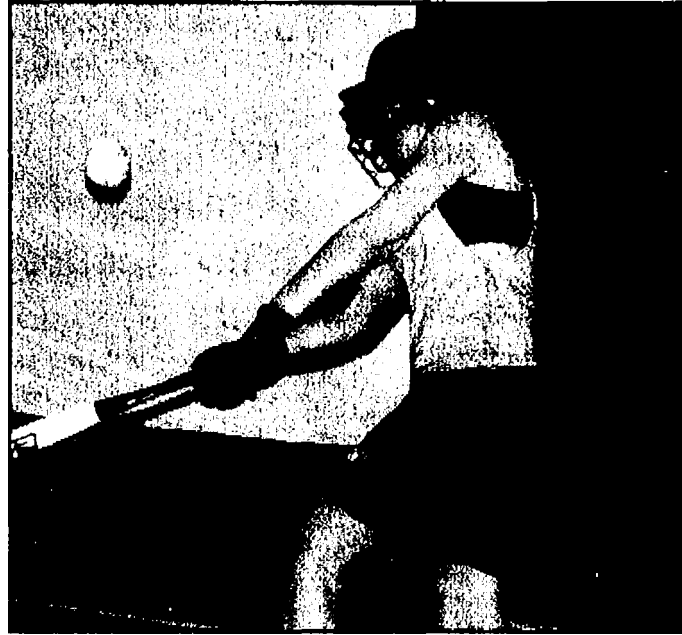
total of six teams. Boyne City will host the tournament.

"The (Lake Michigan Conference) and districts outlook is pretty good this year. I feel that we have a great shot at doing well in both," Coach Allen said. "We have the talent, it is just coming together to use everyone's talent to our advantage."

The team's scheduled season opener - a home doubleheader vs. Houghton Lake slated for Monday, March 28 - was canceled due to weather and field conditions. Grayling's spring break runs from April 1 through April 11. The Vikings' season opener is now scheduled for Tuesday, April 12 at 4 p.m. at Roscommon. The squad's

first home series of the year is slated for April 19 vs. Traverse City St. Francis.

"Looking forward to getting on the field and seeing them in some games," Coach Allen said.



Caitlin Prosser, left, reaches third base during a scrimmage at practice. Jordan Stephan, right, hits the ball during Wednesday's practice.

Legal Action

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NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the Statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at 10 a.m., at the front door of the Crawford County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, that being the place for holding Circuit Court for the County of Crawford where the premises are situated, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 6.50 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises. The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows:

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, and part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 section of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 2 West Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan; Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 8, thence N1degree 22'E, (along the Section line), 12.8 feet to the Point

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DATED: March 14, 2011
Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)
Attorney for Mortgagee
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Dated: March 17, 2011
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 13, 2011. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 2, Shangri-LA Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Recorded Plat thereof, as Recorded in Liber 02 of Plats, Page 03, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: March 10, 2011 For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway,

Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #362251F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dana M Sutton, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 24, 2001, and recorded on July 23, 2001 in Liber 543 on Page 274, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to MidFirst Bank as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Seven and 43/100 Dollars (\$65,127.43), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 13, 2011. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 149 and 150, Grayling Mobile Estates no. 4, according to the Recorded Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 37, Crawford County Records.

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BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by R. Douglas Keipert, and Karla Sue Keipert, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated November 7, 2003, and recorded on April 12, 2004 in Liber 667 on Page 245, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-One and 87/100 Dollars (\$92,731.87), including interest at 2.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 27, 2011. Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 36, Town 25 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: March 24, 2011 For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #352323F01

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert O. Weaver, a married man and Sally Weaver, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated September 21, 2001, and recorded on September 24, 2001 in Liber 553 on Page 438, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Mortgage Company, an Ohio Corporation as assignee as

documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Seven and 18/100 Dollars (\$42,557.18), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 4, 2011.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 1, Block 3, Original Plat of the Village, now City, of Grayling, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded at Liber 1 of Plats, Page 2, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: March 31, 2011 For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #366452F01

NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST

Pursuant to the Michigan Trust Code. Trust of KATHRYN N. JONES, Deceased. Date of Birth: 1/15/1912

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Grantor, Kathryn N. Jones, the decedent, who lived at 615 Petoskey Avenue, #44, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 died January 11, 2011. There is no Personal Representative of the Grantor's Estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust Estate of the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to Neil H. Jones, Successor Trustee of the Kathryn N. Jones Living Trust, and any amendments thereto, at the office of Robert L. Hoffman, Attorney at Law, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Robert Hoffman (P15046) Attorney at Law 103 Belvedere Avenue Charlevoix, MI 49720 (231) 547-9941

Dated: March 23, 2011 Neil H. Jones, Successor Trustee c/o Hoffman & Hoffman 103 Belvedere Avenue Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 -31-7

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degrees 41 minutes West 334.85 feet thence North 88 degrees 27 minutes West 645.55 feet, thence North 0 degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds East 334.97 feet thence South 89 degrees 38 minutes 30 seconds East 973.2 feet thence South 0 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds West along 1/4 line 280.55 feet to the point of beginning being part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 11 Town 26 North Range West Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, and containing 7.2 acres together with and subject to an easement 66.0 feet wide lying 33.0 feet either side of a centerline described as commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 11 Town 26 North Range 2 West thence North 89 degrees 33 minutes 30 seconds West along Section line 1364 95 feet to the point of beginning, thence North 43 degrees 01 minutes East 114.0 feet thence North 58 degrees 39 minutes 30 seconds East 765.4 feet thence North 28 degrees 11 minutes East 291.9 feet thence North 16 degrees 12 minutes East 1043.0 feet to the point of ending further subject to an easement 33.0 feet wide lying North of and adjacent to a line described as commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 11 Town 26 North Range 2 West thence North 0 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds East along 1/4 line 1467 75 feet to the point of beginning thence 78 degrees 41 minutes West 334.85 feet to the point of ending said easements to be used in common by the parties hereto their heirs and assigns for ingress and egress, and the installation and maintenance of public utilities further together with a special use permit granted by the United States Department of Agriculture to maintain a private road over government lands in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 14 Town 26 North Range 2 West to their heirs and assigns forever. The redemption period shall

be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: March 24, 2011 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 224.6395 ASAP# 3942657 03/24/2011, 03/31/2011, 04/07/2011, 04/14/2011 -24-31-7-14

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Henry Earl Feldhauser and Ann Marie Feldhauser, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 21, 2002, and recorded on April 2, 2002 in Liber 575 on Page 492, and modified by agreement recorded on June 4, 2004 in Liber 608 on Page 829, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Citizens Bank as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Ninety and 33/100 Dollars (\$187,490.33), including interest at 6% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 4, 2011. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being a part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 5, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 5, thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes West along Section line 988.05 feet; thence North 1 degree 40 minutes 30 seconds East 659.5 feet to the point of beginning; thence

North 89 degrees 26 minutes West 329.05 feet; thence North 1 degree 42 minutes East along 1/8 line 459.1 feet; thence South 89 degrees 26 minutes East 328.06 feet; thence South 1 degree 40 minutes 30 seconds West 459.1 feet to point of beginning 3.47 acres. Together with and subject to an existing 30.0 foot wide easement, lying West of and adjacent to a line described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 5, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan; thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes West along Section line 988.05 feet to point of beginning; thence North 1 degree 40 minutes 30 seconds East, 1632.0 feet to point of ending. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 31, 2011 For more information, please call: FC L (248) 593-1312 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #336140F04 -31-7-14-21

NOTICE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE: In the event this property is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 7ee of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 7ee please contact our office at (248) 844-5123. This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Sheila Green, a Married Woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Wilmington Finance Inc., its successors and assigns. Mortgagee, dated March 20, 2007 and recorded April 3, 2007 in Liber 685 Page 960 Crawford County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as certificate trustee (not in its individual capacity but solely as certificate trustee), in trust for registered Holders of VNT Trust Series 2010-2, by assignment dated February 28, 2011 and subsequently recorded in Crawford County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixteen Dollars and Forty-Six Cents (\$73,316.46) including interest 7% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue. Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on April 20, 2011 Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and

are described as: That certain parcel of land located within the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 11, Town 26 North, Range 1 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, bounded by a line beginning at a point 50 rods South and 30 rods West of the one-quarter corner at the Northeast corner of said 40 acre tract; thence running West 10 rods; thence South 14 rods; thence East 10 rods; thence North 14 rods to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 10891 Craig Trail, Grayling MI 49738 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: 3/17/2011 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as certificate trustee (not in its individual capacity but solely as certificate trustee), in trust for registered Holders of VNT Trust Series 2010-2. Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Polestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 10-34182 ASAP# 3941164 03/17/2011, 03/24/2011, 03/31/2011, 04/07/2011 17-24-31-7

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of the Northerly line of Alger Street and the South 1/8 line, said point being South 88 degrees 36 minutes West 95.00 feet from the 1/8 corner of monumented; thence South 43 degrees 31 minutes 11 seconds West along said right of way of Alger Street, 87.33 feet for a point of beginning; thence continuing South 43 degrees 31 minutes 11 seconds West 121.85 feet to a found iron pin, that is 374.5 feet Northeastly of the Northwest corner of Lot 16, Block 3, of the recorded Plat of Goodales Addition; thence North 46 degrees 36 minutes 02 seconds West 120.36 feet to the AuSable River; thence North 27 degrees 36 minutes 26 seconds East along the AuSable River and intermediate traverse line (next two courses) 61.86 feet; thence North 10 degrees 19 minutes 25 seconds West 59.05 feet; thence South 68 degrees 34 minutes 39 seconds East 42.46 feet; thence South 53 degrees 47 minutes 56 seconds East 96.90 feet; thence South 45 degrees 51 minutes 10 seconds East 49.55 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 17, 2011 For more information, please call: FC F (248) 593-1313 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #362903F01 -17-24-31-7

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 11-7874-BE

Estate of MICHAEL DEE HIGGINS A/K/A MICHAEL D. HIGGINS, DECEASED Date of birth: 5/31/1951.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, MICHAEL DEE HIGGINS A/K/A MICHAEL D. HIGGINS, who lived at 6598 HANNER TRAIL, GRAYLING, Michigan died 2/14/2011. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to THOMAS KOLKA, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date 3/25/2011

Attorney name CHARLES E. LOWE, JR. P37667 905 W ANN ARBOR TRAIL. PLYMOUTH MI 48170 734-453-3737

Personal Representative THOMAS KOLKA 8268 SARAH COURT GROSSE ILE MI 48138 734-675-9283

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SYNOPSIS SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP March 25, 2011 Special Board Meeting Minutes Unapproved

Meeting called to order at 11:32 a.m. Attending: L. Luck, George, Janisse, and S. Luck. Absent: Musselman. Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by S. Luck, and seconded by Janisse, to accept agenda as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by S. Luck and seconded by Janisse to adopt the Resolution to Receive Petitions to Create Special Assessment District, to Declare Intent to Create Special Assessment District, and to Schedule Public Hearing. Roll call: Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Public comment. Adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Grayling Charter Township to hold Public Hearing to review zoning ordinance proposed amendments

The Grayling Charter Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing to take comments from the public on proposed changes to the township's municipal civil infraction ordinance and the zoning ordinance (2011-01 and 2011-02).

The public hearing will take place in the township board room on Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at 11 a.m. The town hall is located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling.

Proposed drafts of the ordinances and zoning map are available for inspection at the town hall. The public is invited to attend this public hearing.

Terry R. Wright
Supervisor

Grayling Charter Township Zoning Board To hold public hearing

The Grayling Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet in public session on Monday, April 18th, 2011, at 7 p.m. in the town hall to hear public comment on the following requests:

Case # 11-04 Request for variance

Petitioner: Paul Williams
Address: 1466 Ole Dam Rd. Grayling, MI 49738
Local Address: Same
Property ID# 040-42-012-08-140-00
Zoning: NRD - Natural River District
Lot size: 1 acre
Request: Construct a 9-foot by 12-foot addition (mud room) to rear of existing residence. The closest point of construction to the river is 96-feet, requiring a variance of 104-feet.

Non-conformances: Lot is undersized for NRD (required = 80,000-sq-ft)

Zoning justification: Ordinance 2003-02, Article XVI, Section 16.05.B "Lots or property of record that are non-conforming at the time of the effective date of these regulations because of lack of size to accommodate building setbacks from the water's edge shall be allowed to be built upon and variances shall be allowed for required setbacks upon such reasonable terms as set forth by the Zoning Board of Appeals, provided that structures be placed to best meet the objectives of the Natural Rivers Act."

The public is encouraged to attend this hearing.

Text and maps of requests are on file in the township offices and are available for public review during normal working hours. The Grayling Township offices and meeting room are located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling. Questions pertaining to this request may be directed to the Grayling Township Zoning Administrator at the town hall, or by calling (989) 348-4361.

Terry Wright
Supervisor/Zoning Administrators

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION MAY 3, 2011 ANNUAL ELECTION CRAWFORD AUSABLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO THE ELECTORS OF CRAWFORD AUSABLE SCHOOLS

Please Take Notice that the Annual Election of the Crawford AuSable School District will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the Crawford County public school election will be held to elect two (2) 6 year term and two (2) 4 year term school board members.

A FULL TEXT OF THE BALLOT MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE BETWEEN 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT HE MAY 3, 2011 ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IS MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2011. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5:00 P.M. IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2011 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county clerk, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration:

Sandra Moore - Crawford County Clerk 344-3200
Sharon K.Hartman - Beaver Creek Township Clerk 275-8878
Nancy Bindshatel - Frederic Township Clerk 348-8778
Monica S. Ashton - Grayling Township Clerk 348-4361
Cynthia Infante - Lovells Township Clerk 348-9215
Sandra Baynham - Maple Forest Township Clerk 348-5794
Lynn George - South Branch Township Clerk 275-8232
Michele Miller - Grayling City Clerk 348-2131
Carol Rosenberg - Bear Lake Township Clerk 231-258-4871
Lorraine Markovich - Otsego Lake Township Clerk 732-6929

Sandra Moore, County Clerk and
Crawford AuSable School Election Coordinator

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



March 31, 1988 - Members of the Grayling City and Township Fire Department are shown here (back row, left to right) Joe Machulis, Jim Baker, Bryan Klemish, Art Clough, Steve Doyle, Dan Schrock, Frank Barber, Dave Reisinger, Ed Ventline, Dennis Sloan, Bill Holborn; (front row) Chief Russ Strohpaal, Captain Karl Golnick, Captain Paul Smith, Assistant Chief Dean Goss; (not pictured) Duane Brooks, Jed Blaauw and Rande Flowers.

23 Years Ago March 31, 1988

The DNR Report All Poaching (RAP) is offering \$2,500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who took three bear cubs from their mother in the wild. The three cubs, about two months old, were found Thursday, March 24, inside a phone booth by McMasters Bridge. The cubs were found after an anonymous person called the RAP line and said the cubs were there.

Jane Larson was named Woman of the Year by the Grayling American Business Women. She is active in teaching and is a first grade teacher at the Crawford AuSable Schools. Five men were arraigned Tuesday, March 29, in 83rd District Court on charges of larceny in the building. Four were employees at the Grayling Glen's Market. Fire damaged one unit on the south end of the Pineview Motel but smoke damage was reported in all rooms of the small motel.

46 Years Ago April 1, 1965

Three high school juniors from Crawford County have been chosen to attend the 1965 session of the American Legion Boys State. Named to participate in the workshop are Tom Koernke, of Frederic High School, Arthur Wakeley of Grayling High School and Arthur's twin brother, Joe Wakeley of Grayling High School. The Grayling High School Glee Club with Mrs. Joseph Stripe directing in

the absence of Mrs. Roy Milnes, received three one's and one two in the District IX Spring Choral Festival of the Michigan School Vocal Association held at Catholic Central High School in Alpena.

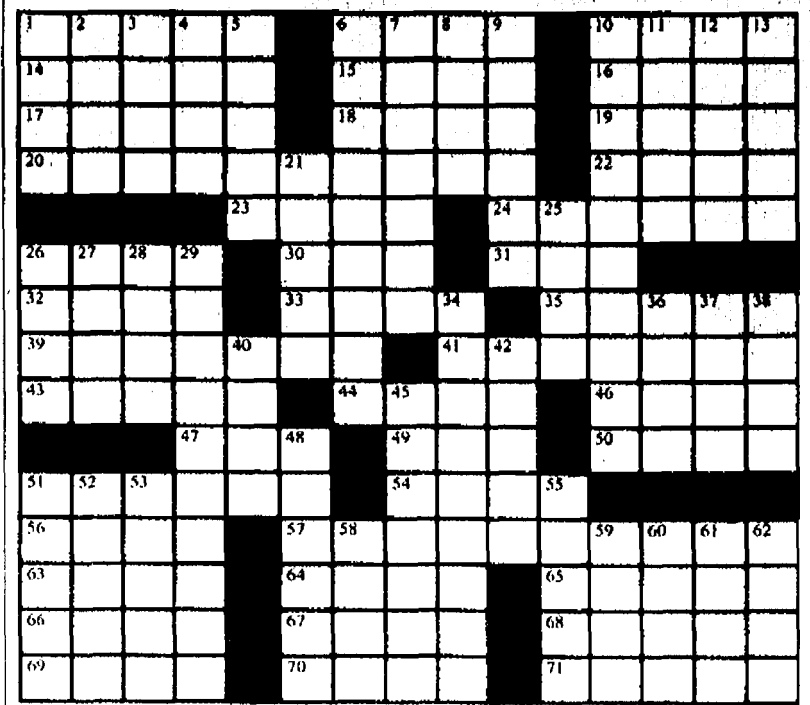
69 Years Ago April 2, 1942

Alfred Hanson took his bowling team to Midland Sunday to bowl with the Midland team. William Moshier left Sunday on a motorcycle pleasure trip to Texas. He plans to be gone from six to eight weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Scott are busy making maple syrup.

92 Years Ago April 3, 1919

Mrs. Margaret Waldron commenced her duties as teacher in the Feldhauser School district. It has just been learned that Ms. Clella Clark, former primary teacher in our schools, was married recently to Mr. J. R. Shirley of Lansing, and they have gone into housekeeping in that city. Emerson Bates arrived home Tuesday morning from Ann Arbor to remain until May 20, when he will leave to visit relatives in the east before entering West Point Military Academy.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Thumb
6. Hires competition
10. "Unforgettable" singer
14. Its license plates say "Famous potatoes"
15. "I had no..."
16. "Absolutely!"
17. Big sheet
18. Neuter
19. Lamp
20. Vague
22. Condo, e.g.
23. Abominable Snowman
24. Fine fur
26. U.S. writer Clare Boothe
30. "The Joy Luck Club" author
31. Mother Teresa, for one
32. Blows it
33. Musical sign
35. Seal
39. Dish of little dumplings
41. Inconveniently placed
43. Academy Award
44. "Eh"
46. A fisherman may spin one
47. Bungle
49. Little lie
50. Milk
51. Careless
54. Dog biter
56. Do damage to
57. Tonsil remover
63. Bumpkin
64. Boat in "Jaws"
65. Change, as a clock
66. "Brockovich"
67. Call for
68. Claw
69. Light bulb unit
70. "On Down the Road"
71. "Gladiator" setting

Down

1. LP player
2. "American..."
3. Farfetched
4. Reproached
5. Bunk
6. Dried foxglove leaves
7. Fundamental component of nucleic acids
8. Drop
9. Made sorrowful
10. Slander
11. Certain Arab
12. Lightning
13. Related maternally
21. Bring in
25. Charge
26. Mutton
27. Cemetery sights
28. Gator's cousin
29. Long, clifflike ridge
34. Continuous discharge of firearms
36. Vex, with "at"
37. Doing nothing
38. Cleaning cabinet supplies
40. Clip
42. Dynamite inventor
45. Places of business
48. Earlier
51. Chronic nag
52. Mrs. Bush
53. Circle
55. Blood carrier
58. Product of protein metabolism
59. Binge
60. "Cast Away" setting
61. Advertising sign
62. "Empedocles on..." (Matthew Arnold poem)

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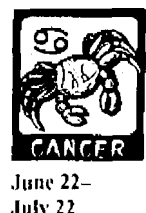
March 31, 2011



CAPRICORN
December 22 - January 19
You're a force to be reckoned with this week, Capricorn. There is nothing you can't accomplish. A friendly face is a welcome sight in a trying situation.



ARIES
March 21 - April 19
True-blue friends know just what to do and say in the wake of a personal crisis. A financial tip puts your budget back in order, Aries.



CANCER
June 22 - July 22
Too little rest makes for a crazy Cancer. Find a few hours to get in a nap. A business associate makes a fascinating presentation. Use what you learn to your advantage.



LIBRA
September 23 - October 22
Yes, Libra. Budding flowers are a sign of good things to come. A plan at work is finally implemented, causing some confusion at first but benefiting all.



AQUARIUS
January 20 - February 18
A formidable task lies ahead, but you need not worry. Aquarius. Help will come from an unlikely source. A financial proposal requires clarification.



TAURUS
April 20 - May 20
Too much work makes for a tired Taurus. Live a little, have some fun and learn to relax. Your work will not suffer and will in fact improve.



LEO
July 23 - August 22
Friendly banter makes the workweek go by quickly. Guests arrive with news that sends you for a loop. Do your best to take it in stride, Leo.



SCORPIO
October 23 - November 21
A family feud finally comes to an end, and you have that special someone to thank. Scorpio. A gift may be in order. A deadline draws near.



PISCES
February 19 - March 20
A-ha, Pisces. A relationship grows with a personal discovery. A financial fluke clears the way for a better system at work, and you get your piece of the pie.



GEMINI
May 21 - June 21
Variety is the spice of life. Remember that, Gemini, as you are given the task of planning for a special event. Date to be different. Amends are made among friends.



VIRGO
August 23 - September 22
Numbers are all around you, inspiring you to find a way to improve your bottom line. Start at home with your entertainment budget. Virgo. Something is amiss.



SAGITTARIUS
November 22 - December 21
You make a risky financial move, but lucky for you, Sagittarius, it pays off. Celebrate your extra green with dinner out. Romance heats up at home.

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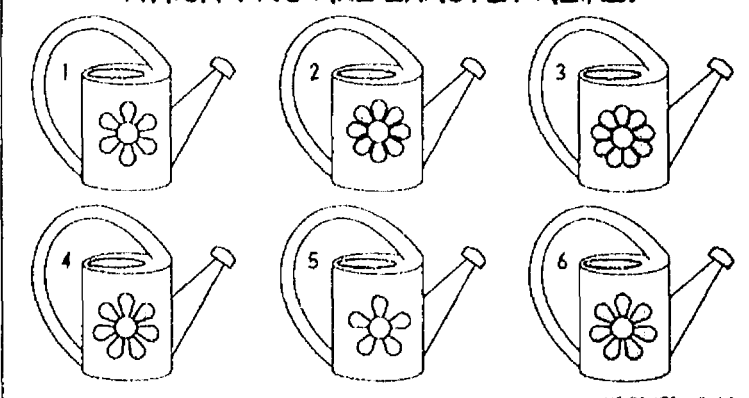
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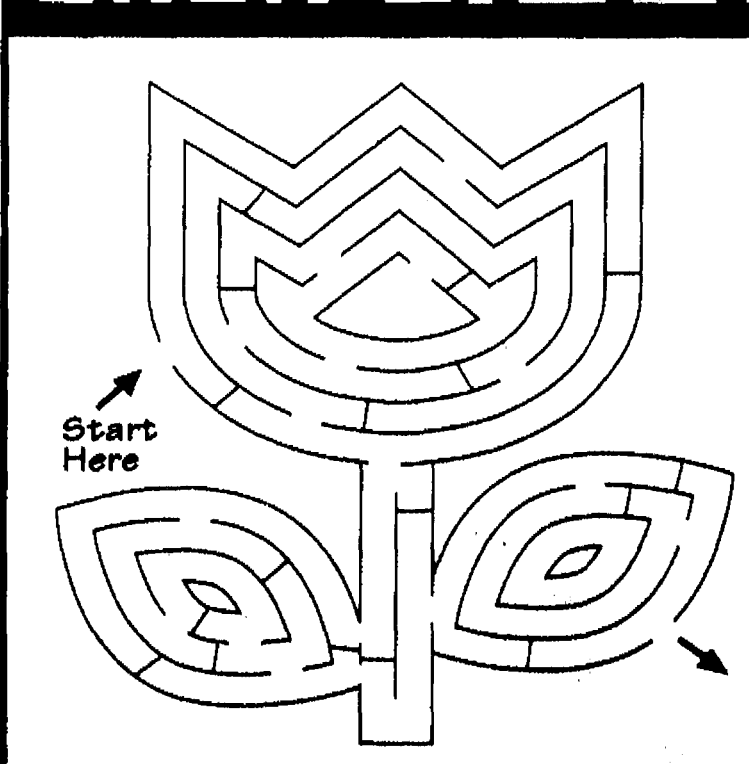


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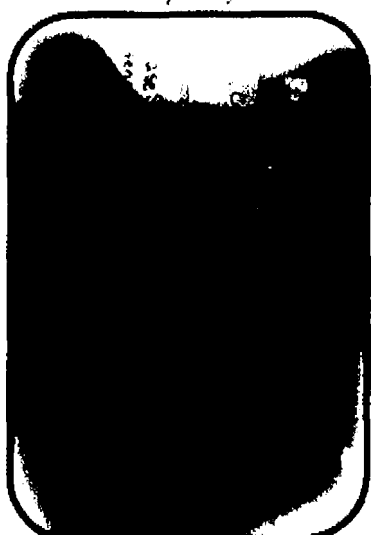
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Essence

Essence is a beautiful young cat. She has a very nice Tortoiseshell medium length coat and a wonderful easy going personality. She is about a year old, great with other cats, learning to tolerate dogs and crazy about people. Essence has been Feline leukemia tested negative, spayed and vaccinated. She is all ready for a loving new home.

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

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5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.asc.petfinder.com

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

ORANGE-BBQ PULLED PORK SANDWICHES

Ingredients:

- 1 boneless pork shoulder (3 lb.)
- 12 sandwich rolls, split, toasted
- 1 bottle (18 oz.) Barbecue Sauce
- 1/2 cup Mayonnaise
- Juice from 1 medium orange

Directions:

PLACE meat in slow cooker; top with barbecue sauce and orange juice. Cover with lid.

COOK on LOW 8 to 10 hours (or on HIGH 4 to 6 hours). Remove meat from slow cooker; cut into small pieces or shred with fork. Return to slow cooker; stir to evenly coat meat with sauce.

SPREAD rolls with mayo; fill with meat.

Prep Time: 10 mins
Total Time: 8 hrs 10 mins
Makes: 12 servings

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Rain
3/22	39	32	-
3/23	37	21	-
3/24	21	-3	-
3/25	27	-7	-
3/26	27	-7	-
3/27	30	-6	-
3/28	28	1	-

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 45	High 48	High 44	High 45	High 45	High 40
Low 22	Low 25	Low 26	Low 32	Low 29	Low 25
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Showers	Partly Cloudy

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1. Real Estate

BAD CREDIT? NO CREDIT? No problem! Land contract 3 bedroom house on 1 3/4 acre with a deck. \$6,000 down, affordable payments. 989-275-8499 or 989-915-2002. (-24-31/1)

FOR SALE BY OWNER 200 feet river frontage on Flies Only section of AuSable River at Wakeley Bridge. Home is 50 feet off river with guest cabin and detached garage. \$225,000. Call 989-390-0833. (-3/17/11/t/1)

HOUSE FOR SALE 2-3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. 586-446-0004, 586-713-7500. (-2/8/10/t/1)

FRAMED-IN 3 BEDROOM 1 bath chalet with well and septic ready for you to finish. Located in Lakes of the North, a planned community with numerous amenities just 15 minutes from Gaylord in the heart of snowmobile country. \$49,900. Call Chris at 989-348-2495 (11/4/10/t/1)

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1. Real Estate

FOUR BEDROOM 1 BATH 1,544 sq. foot home on 1 acre in Grayling. \$59,000 or land contract. 989-275-8644. (-17-24-31-7/1)

2. For Rent

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NICE CLEAN TWO BEDROOM mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. \$425 month plus deposit. No pets. 348-2418. (-17-24-31-7/2)

ARBOR COURT in Grayling is accepting applications for 1 & 2 bdr. Rent is based on 30% of the adjusted gross income. For more information call Pam at 989-732-6237 or pick up application at 400 Madsen Street. Barrier Free Units available. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. TDD 1-800-649-3777. (-8/12/10/t/2)

2. For Rent

MONTHLY HOME RENTALS near Grayling, Houghton Lake, Roscommon and Higgins Lake. 2 and 3 bedroom. Higgins North Property Services, 989-821-3434. (-1/13/11/t/2)

RIVER FRONT 2 bedroom, 2 bath, fully furnished, second story apartment in downtown Grayling. Includes water, lawn maintenance, snow plowing. No pets, no smoking. \$950/month. 989-370-1290. (-3/10/11/t/2)

LAKE HOME FOR RENT Clean 3 bedroom home with view and access to Lake Margrethe. Large two car garage on large lot. \$750/month plus security. Available April 2011. 586-228-2874. (-10-17-24-31/2)

LOG HOME on East Branch. 3 - 4 bedroom, 3 bath. 989-326-7206. (-17-24-31-7/2)

2. For Rent

NICE, CLEAN TWO BEDROOM duplex. Includes indoor storage, laundry hookup, lawn care, snowplowing, non-smoking \$500. 700B Smith St., 348-2178. (-3/17/11/t/2)

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ROOMS FOR RENT Higgins Lake. All utilities included, free WiFi. Private entrance \$450/monthly. 989-390-0902. (-24-31/2)

2 BEDROOM, 2 CAR attached garage located on Main Street. Rent \$625, plus deposit. No smoking, no pets. Call 390-0846. (-3/24/11/t/2)

2. For Rent

Grayling Pines Apartments

Grayling Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas and private patios/balconies. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

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2. For Rent

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3. Employment

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ARE YOU INTERESTED in helping elderly and disabled individuals who live in your community? Leelin Home Health Care, Inc. is accepting applications for Home Health Aides and CENAs in Grayling and all surrounding areas. Experience preferred but will train appropriate candidate. Flexible scheduling is completed a month in advance for your busy agenda. Contact us at our corporate office for an interview at 989-345-3138. Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. EOE. (-24-31/3)

3. Employment

BUSY OPHTHALMOLOGY OFFICE seeking part time/full time Ophthalmic Technician for our Gaylord/Grayling office. Applicants with medical experience and computer knowledge helpful, but will train right individual. Send resume to Alpine Eye Care, P.O. Box 1665, Gaylord, MI 49734. (-31-7/3)

WE'RE GROWING in West Branch and need you! Hospice Advantage is currently looking for: Per Diem Registered Nurse and Home Health Aides (CNA) - must have hospice exp. Work in the community you live in! Earn extra \$ by working Per Diem! At Hospice Advantage, we believe our employees are our Greatest Asset! We offer: 401k w/match - All employees eligible, mileage paid at \$0.51 per mile, paid weekly, flexible schedules. Send resume to Lisa at lbrent@hospiceadvantage.com or Fax 989-343-2471. To learn more about us go to www.hospiceadvantage.com. EOE. (-3/13)

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4. Services Offered

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LIFE PROBLEMS getting you down? Call GRACE Center, 989-348-2544. (3/19/09/t/4)

3. Employment

THE CITY OF GRAYLING seeks an individual to fill the position of DPW worker. The candidate must have a high school diploma. A CDL Class B license with air brakes endorsement preferred. The candidate must have the ability to operate heavy equipment and other mechanical devices. Interested persons need to pick up an application at City Hall. Applications should be returned to City Hall, 1020 City Boulevard or mailed to DPW Director, City of Grayling, P.O. Box 549, Grayling, MI 49738. Position opened until filled. EOE

3. Employment

Nursing Assistants- Are you State of Michigan Certified? We need dependable, caring people to fill a limited amount of positions. We offer full or part time, 8 and 12 hour shifts with schedule allowances for you to continue your education. Excellent benefits, uniform program, PTO time, Stable Leadership. Apply at Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation Community. 331 Meadows Dr., Grayling, MI 49738



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Please send resume to 2375 S.175 Business Loop, Ste.4, Grayling, MI 49738 or complete an application at the Grayling Michigan Works Office.

Deadline: April13.

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2. For Rent

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2. For Rent

WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS

Whispering Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. We are accepting applications for Seniors 62 years of age and older and Handicap/Disabled persons, regardless of age. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020.

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HOME HEALTH AIDE 22 years experience, references, seeking full time or part time employment. Kalkaska, Grayling, Gaylord, Roscommon, Houghton Lake area. Please call 989-390-4182. (-24-31/4)

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5. For Sale

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5. For Sale

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6. Wanted

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4. Services Offered

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5. For Sale

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7. Miscellaneous

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8. Announcements

PLEASE COME JOIN US for Open Mic Night April 1, from 6 - 8, Flowers by Josie/Thanks a Latte. Bring your friends and have some fun! (-31/8)

"HOLLYWOOD" School of Beauty is now expanding to Grayling! Sign up now for Cosmetology, Nail Tech, Makeup/skincare, or Student Instructor classes. Transfer students welcome. Call (989)657-0203 or (989)354-5758. (-24-31-7-14/8)

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7. Miscellaneous

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5. For Sale

YOGA CLASSES with Kaye Thomas-Hogan, Thursday evenings 5:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Brickery Building, Grayling. \$10 drop-in or \$50 for 6 sessions. Call Kaye for info 989-348-1722. (-3-10-17-24-31/8)

GUN SHOW Sat. April 9, Grayling Ramada Inn, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$5. For more info, 989-280-2469. (-10-17-24-31-7/8)

CCW CONCEALED HANDGUN Training class Roscommon: NRA Michigan right-to-carry training, April 9. Reservations call 989-275-3004 or 6178. (-10-17-24-31-7/8)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR Place your organization's events on Crawford County's Community Calendar. Go to crawford-countyavalanche.com, under services, to submit your event. For more information, call our office at 989-348-6811. (-3/19/09/11/8)

DAIRY QUEEN - NOW OPEN Sunday through Wednesday 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (weather permitting) Located 305 James St., Grayling. (-17-24-31/8)

11. Automotive

PROFANE CYLINDER REFILL SPECIAL for April. We will offer these prices through the month of April. 20# cyl refill - \$12; 30# cyl refill - \$18; 100# refill - \$55. These special prices are available at our Grayling, Houghton Lake, West Branch & Lincoln office, as well as Charlie's Country Corners. New customer special with guaranteed price cap for 2012. Please call for details at 1-800-292-9295. Thank you for your business! (LR-4/28/11/8)

10. Garage Sales

NO FOOLIN! Big Indoor Sale - Friday, 1st, 10 - 6 and Saturday, 2nd, 10 - 3 at 249 S. Roberts Rd. (-31/10)

ANTIQUE ESTATE AUCTION! April 2, 10 a.m., Perry Creek & M-33, Mio. Furniture, lamps, glass, pottery, porcelain, graniteware, store coffee grinder, apple butter kettles, unquities, sportsman, guns, enclosed trailer, coins & much more! View online or call. Lets Talk Auction! 989-848-5158, www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-31/10)

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11. Automotive

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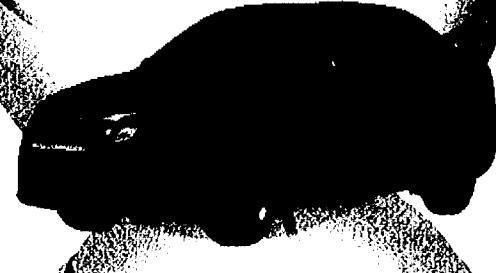
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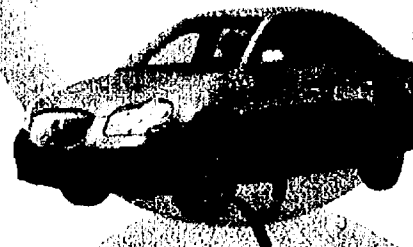
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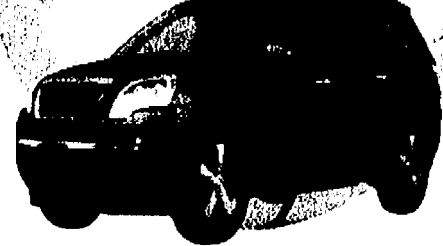
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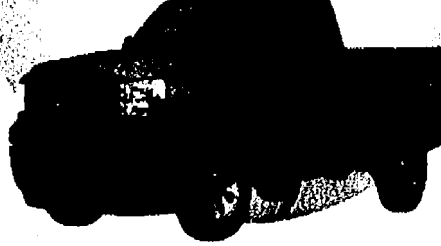
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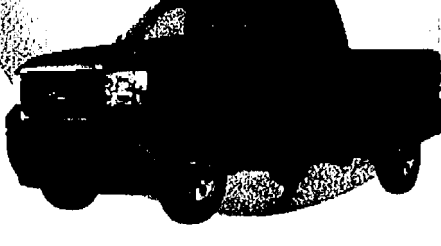
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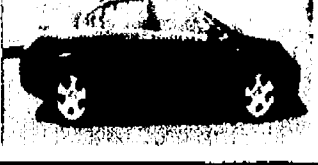
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